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Ranks broken as Clarke is attacked

# Major fights to restore unity on EU

JOHN MAJOR was desperately struggling to prevent Cabinet unity disintegrating last night after a Foreign Office Minister, in an astonishing breach of government rules, publicly attacked Kenneth Clarke over his stance on a European single

The Prime Minister launched a damage-limitation exercise after Sir Nicholas Bonsor fuelled the Tory turmoil over Europe by accusing the Chancellor of straying from government policy in his statement on Sunday that it would be "pathetic" for Britain to dither over entry to a single currency and then try to join at a later stage.

Sir Nicholas's open breach of the creed of collective responsibility, which prevents ministers criticising each other in public, left the Government looking dangerously

close to open warfare. Mr Major contacted Mr afternoon to agree a course of action which would prevent the row escalating. Mr Clarke is attending a Commonwealth finance ministers' meeting.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, was also contacted by his department in New York, where he was addressing the United Nations General Assembly. Two hours later Downing Street and the Foreign Office made clear that the Government's policy on a single currency had not changed, a point which Michael Heseltine

emphasised later. There will be no change."



Bonsor: "accepts he made a mistake"

he said. "The Prime Minister has made that quite clear." Mr Major, whose exaspera-

tion with Mr Clarke had been made plain by confidants on Monday, had to rein in Sir Nicholas to dispel the view that his attack had Downing Street's endorsement. Sir Nicholas told BBC Radio's World at One that Mr

dermined attempts to restore party unity. "I don't think it was helped by Kenneth Clarke's comments," he said. "I think he will be out of line majority of the party and I think it is out of line with what the Government policy has

By mid-afternoon Downing Street and the Foreign Office were saying that Sir Nicholas had misunderstood press reports of the Chancellor's comments and would be saying nothing further. They emphasised that Sir Nicholas had been expressing a "per-

sonal opinion" and had now 'accepted he made a mistake". Downing Street also made clear that Sir Nicholas had been reprimanded for failing to inform either the Foreign Office or Conservative Central Office about the interview "so that he could clear policy lines". But it was indicated that there would be no further disciplinary action. "We do not anticipate resignations," one official said.

Downing Street's later claim that Mr Clarke had not gone beyond the Cabinet line on the single currency marked an attempt to draw a line

under the affair. "The Prime Minister has made it clear that all must adhere fully to the position agreed by Cabinet," a Downing Street source said. The Chancellor fully sup-

ports this policy and believes his views have been misrepresented. Many issues of importance to the UK remain to be UK whether we are in a single currency or not and it is right that Britain should play its full role in the negotiations."

But Downing Street's at-tempts to smooth over the row were unconvincing, given the clear assertions by Mr Major's associates the day before that Mr Clarke had breached the Cabinet compromise.

Ministers and MPs who heard Mr Clarke's statement on radio concluded without waiting for press reports that he had pushed the Cabinet Continued on page 2, col 4

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Diana, Princess of Wales, at breakfast in the White House yesterday with Hillary Clinton and Katharine Graham

# Princess takes some heat off First Lady

FROM TOM RHODES

IN WASHINGTON DIANA, Princess of Wales, brought a distinctive British dazzle to Washing-

ton last night and provided a shield for Hillary Clinton as America's First Lady faced further damaging claims. On her first foreign visit since her divorce, the Princess, dressed in the chocolate brown of the season, met Mrs Clinton at the White House just as another embarrassing report was made public about her alleged nes to fraudulent deals in Arkansas.

Last night the Princess was acting as honorary chairman of a Washington gala dinner and fashion sale at the National Building Museum to raise

millions of dollars for breast cancer research. The guest list included designers, haunting the dowdy American capital with their graceful New York styles, and some of Washington's most powerful, including General Colin Powell and Elizabeth Dole.

But first the Princess met Mrs Clinton. They chatted in the Blue Room before the Princess, accompanied by Anna Wintour, the Britishborn editor of American Vogue, Katharine Graham, the former publisher of The Washington Post, and the designer Ralph Lauren, went to the East Room for breakfast. Mrs Clinton, clearly buoyed by the opportune visit of the Princess, emerged later to congrat-

British invasion of America, a charity fashion extravaganza: "I was thinking as I met her [the Princess] that this is one of the nicest British invasions of the White House. Another one, as some of you may remember from history, burnt this place down."

Mrs Clinton added: "This is a

woman who has worked for the homeless, for Aids, cancer, leprosy and other health issues. I am so pleased she is lending her support to this continuing fight against breast cancer."

The Princess picked at a breakfast of layered peaches and raspberries, a napoleon of herbed eggs, roast tomatoes and Maryland crabs and appeared to be conversing easily with her neighbours, the First Lady and Ms

Wintour. It was an opportunity for the Princess to protect her hostess from the glare of publicity that she herself had suffered during their only previous meeting in Washington, two years ago. At that time the Princess used the American capital as a bolthole after disclosures about the Prince of Wales's affair with Camilla Parker Bowles.

Her breakfast was followed by a lunch at the British Embassy, hosted by Sir John Kerr, the Ambassador, whose guests included at least one of the most eligible bachelors in Washington and a senior Clinton political aide, George Stephanopoulos.

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#### Tougher test for L-drivers

The pass mark for the new written section of the driving test has been raised because learners are finding it too easy. From October 1 candidates will have to answer 30 out of 35 questions correctly instead of the current 26. About 85 per cent of those sitting the test, which was introduced in July.

#### **Britain moves** back into black

Britain's balance of payments with the rest of the world went back into the black in the second quarter of 1996, according to figures out yesterday. Economic growth was revised upwards for the second quarter. Meanwhile. America left its interest rates unchanged, a surprise to ....Page 25



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# IRA man may have been unarmed

By Michael Horsnell, Bill Frost, Stewart Tendler and David Charter

THE IRA suspect Diarmuid O'Neill may not have been armed when he was shot dead by police during an anti-terrorist raid on Monday. Scotland Yard sources said

yesterday that a marksman had opened fire, fearing that he was about to be fired on. But police were still searching for a weapon yesterday. O'Neill was killed in one of

a series of raids which uncovered a massive arms cache and led to the arrest of five people - including O'Neill's younger brother, Shane. Intelligence reports had suggested that a serious IRA attack was only hours away and officers had been warned that they might face armed opposition. Scotland Yard refused to say yesterday whether a gun was found with O'Neill. The Police Complaints Au-

By ALICE THOMSON AND KATE ALDERSON

The conference passed overwhelmingly a



Diarmuid O'Neill photograph by ITN

thority is investigating the unit at Paddington Green death and an inquest will be held. Shane O'Neill and the police station. Diarmuid O'Neill, 27, was other four men being held shot when police broke into a under the Prevention of Terguest-house in Glenthorne Road, Hammersmith, while rorism Act were meanwhile being questioned in the secure his brother was arrested at the home they shared with their

sister, Siobhain, in Averill Street, Fulham. Their parents, Eoghan and Theresa O'Neill, had settled in Hammersmith before their marriage and brought up their three children in London before retiring to west Cork in the early Nineties. Yesterday the couple were said to have had no inkling of their elder son's IRA activities until Gardai told them about the shooting.
O'Neill was, however, well-

known to police as a terrorist sympathiser and the Gardai kept an eye on his movements

ing a criminal offence and to give victims a

clear right to obtain compensation in the

said: "The jury have on the evidence been

able to convict this defendant of the

offences with which he was charged, but 1

when he visited his parents. The London police had known about him since his mid-teens. when he sold Republican News to customers in public houses, and his commitment to the cause later drove him to steal £75,000 from the Bank of Ireland branch where he worked as a clerk after leaving the London Oratory School.

Detectives said that £34,000 went to the IRA. Born at Queen Charlotte's Hospital in Hammersmith on June 24, 1969, Diarmuid Michael O'Neill became a model pupil at the London Oratory - the Roman Catholic grant-maintained school chosen by Tony Blair for his son. He spent six years at the school and was described by Continued on page 2, col 4

believe that what this case shows is that the

legislature must move swiftly to create a

#### EU's farm chief flees Irish demo

FRANZ FISCHLER, European Agriculture Commissioner, had to leave beef talks in Ireland by helicopter yesterday when Irish farmers blocked roads around the hotel where EU ministers were meeting (James Landale

There was chaos when about 2,000 farmers broke through police barriers and reached the doors of the Hotel Europe in Killarney, Co Kerry. Holding cattle skulls, they lined up outside before being peacefully dispersed by police

Some 8,000 farmers in all joined the protest over the lack of compensation for losses caused by the BSE crisis.

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#### A WOMAN made an impassioned plea at eparate offence for this kind of conduct." civil courts. the Liberal Democrat conference yesterday Susan Holt, a former Miss Blackpool, Mrs Holt, who is the prospective parliafor tougher laws on stalkers, saying her mentary candidate for Blackpool South, said last night that she had been shocked by her mother's speech. "My mum left me a said she was a Tory councillor before daughter's life had been devastated by a changing to the Liberal Democrats when message on my answer machine saying man who had pursued her for five uears. what she had done. Doreen Holt told delegates that her

she saw how little interest the Government 27-year-old daughter, Susan, had changed took in victims of abuse. her address and her car three or four times She was speaking just before a judge because he kept tracking her down. "I can called for a change in the law after a tell you now it is terrifying to live with," she said. "I have given her alarms so convicted rapist who had stalked a 20-yearold blonde was found guilty of actual bodily harm. Judge Gerald Butler, QC. she can walk around and feel safe, but it

"I know the man who has made my life hell for the last five years. The problem with it is that he will revel in all of this." Lancashire police said last night that they received a complaint from Susan Holt last

week and it was "under investigation". Judge's call, page 3

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# Patriot games went on too long without getting to the crunch

Ashdown spoke to his conference at Brighton yesterday I came close to joining his party. This was when its delegates began to giggle at their leader's own video curtain-raiser. To the strains of Elgar we saw Paddy on a building site; to the strains of Smetana we observed him in a cornfield; and Beethoven accompanied him into a conservatory. For five minutes Mr Ashdown hounced through the British Isles to gentle rhythms and in soft

focus, looking tough but

tender. His speech pledged to help his countrymen find the hero in themselves". Happily for the Liberal leader, a camera crew, sound crew, producer, video-editor and PR adviser had helped us to find the hero

in Mr Ashdown. And his party tittered. There remains one party in Britain with its pap-detectors intact. Unaccountably. Ashdown slouched in, chewing. What, and why? He was to make something in his speech of his soldiering past but after that video we half-expected him to absell from the rafters, not to

saunter on to the rostrum like an off-duty Gl. If it were gum he was chewing, would he stick it on to the lectern? If a peppermint, would he suck it throughout or crunch it up during the passage on patriotism? Whatever it was, it must have been swallowed or

sult" workers would affect

companies with more than a

few dozen workers, Commis-

sion officials said. The thresh-

old figure would be decided

later. The law on work coun-

cils, which came into force last

weekend, applies only to mul-

tinational companies with at

Despite the opt-out, 38 Brit-

ish-based companies have in-

cluded their British work

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schemes which they have set

up across Europe. The Com-

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least 1,000 workers.

"I want to take a long, hard look," cried the brave marine, eyes narrowed to flinty slits. "at some unfashionable subjects." We wondered which. Flares? Kipper ties? But no: Courage, Leadership and Patriotism were his chosen ta-



MATTEW PARRIS **POLITICAL SKETCH** 

boos, and the Liberal leader was about to appropriate all three to himself. In doing so, Captain Ashdown had the delicacy to observe that he was only embodying our courage, leadership and patriotism doing it by proxy, so to speak. acknowledged that Churchill had had much the same

debauching of patriotism by Tories he added that a true patriot would vote for the opposition parties.

Eschewing leader-worship, Ashdown subtly recommended it in his own case. An angry denunciation of "phony figures" in politics drew support, while news that one 21-yearold in seven in Britain is now thought. Deploring the illiterate drew gasps. There

was also a furious indicument of "negative campaigning" sentiments applauded with a fervour otherwise accorded only to his harsh and personal attack on John Major, descending at one point to mimicry.

"My next wish," he de-clared, is for Sally." A nervous hush descended upon the audience. "I met her on the Hartcliffe and Withywood estate in Bristol." You could have heard a pin drop. "She is a young mother." A thousand Liberal Democrats groaned inwardly. This was taking

honesty too far. Then it dawned on us that Sally was being cited only as an illustration of the benefits-trap. We breathed again.

A speech which began somewhat in the manner of Alastair Cook's Letter from America skirted the lower slopes of Martin Luther King, toyed with sub-Shakespearean soliloquy and lurched towards a Blairite barking of abstract nouns settled finally into a stale rant. Ashdown made much of his willingness to listen. Listening yesterday he will have heard his party's

delight at every attack on the Tories. But did he hear their longing for a similar assault on Labour?

It was not a particularly bad speech: just a speech with no core and too many lists, whose content never matched its stylistic pretentions. And it was far, far too long, Mr Ashdown likes to quote Churchill. He should have remembered Churchill's famous apology: "I am sorry to deliver a long speech. I have not had time to write a short one."

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# Brussels plans to order small firms to consult staff

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN BRUSSELS

THE Commission of the European Union lobbed a new grenade into Britain's preelectoral skirmishing yesterday when it proposed a scheme that would oblige all companies employing more than about 50 workers to consult staff on their business

plans. The plan, which would greatly extend a year-old EU law on company "works councils", would not immediately affect Britain because it would be enacted under the Maastricht Social Protocol, from which the Government won an opt-out. However, the Labour Party's pledge to sign up to the protocol means that Tony Blair will come under pressure to take a stance on a measure that is unpopular with the business world that he is now busy courting. The scheme is the latest in a stream of EU labour measures that are being fiercely resisted by the Government.

small victory yesterday when. along with Germany, it won a temporary injunction from the European Court freezing the expenditure of nearly £10 miltion of EU funds on schemes to help the poor and elderly. Britain and Germany had complained that the Commission had acted without the consent of the Council of Ministers, the decision-making body of member states.

Lord Henley, junior Employment Minister, attacked the consultation plan when it was put to ministers by Padraig Flynn, the Social Affairs Commissioner, at a Brussels session yesterday. "We see no need for legislation by the Community in the area of worker information and consultation. It would be an unnecessary and inappropriate burden on businesses," he

The proposal, which will be put to employers' groups and unions for further discussion, Britain, however scored at was backed by most of the

other 14 member states. Most already have laws requiring worker consultation and welcome the Commission's scheme as a way of ensuring fairer competition and avoiding so-called "social dumping". The term is applied on the Continent to countries or companies that are deemed to be undercutting competitors with low wages and payroll The scheme requiring employers to "inform and "con-

O'Neill was born and brought up in Hammersmith

# IRA suspect was a model pupil

Continued from page 1 the head teacher. John McIntosh, vesterday as being polite and well-behaved.

"I remember him as a boy with bright ginger hair. He was a well-behaved boy who got on well with anybody. He just got on with his work her. He went through school keeping his head down. He was just a very pleasant boy who was never in trouble." But in 1988, he came to the

called working time directive, attention of the Metropolitan Police when £75,000 went which sets a maximum 48missing from the Shepherd's Bush branch of the Bank of Ireland where he had been Britain has asked for the working for a year. O'Neill was forced to resign, charged with theft, and subsequently sentenced to 12 months in a young offenders' institution.

He never appeared in court again and friends were astonished yesterday to learn of his IRA links. A former neighbour in Hammersmith said: "Diarmuid is a big guy — 6ft 3in — but skinny. I would describe him as a shy and gentle giant. The idea he was capable of being a "sleeper" just seems completely daft."

And Tina Joval, who runs the corner shop near the O'Neills' Averill Street house, said: "I can't believe it. Diarmuid is such a nice person. The whole family would buy their sweets and their newspapers from us the Daily Mail and The Guardian on a Tuesday."

Mrs Joval last saw O'Neill late on Sunday night when he bought two bars of chocolate. "Diarmuid was always buying chocolate from us, he couldn't get enough. That night he was very unshaven and looked all done in. I assumed that he had been working too hard - I knew he

#### Thatcher attacks ʻimmoral' society

By Andrew Pierce POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BARONESS Thatcher last night launched a passionate attack on the permissive society and mourned the decline in British moral standards. She denounced street corner

muggers, petty burglars, and terrorists. The decline in law and order has rendered all of us less secure than we of a right should be," she said.

Lady Thatcher was delivering a fecture at the Institute of United States Studies in which she said that people were now confronted almost daily by those for whom the words "justice" and "right" had no

She said: "So too do we see around us the licentiousness of modern society manifested in popular culture. We have witnessed a coarsening of everything from art to music to literature to film.

"But for some people there seems to be nothing beyond the pale — for them freedom has no limits.

The speech, one of the biggest the former Prime Minister has addressed to the domestic agenda in Britain for a year, attacked the arrival of the "politically correct" brigade. "The idea that some things are more politically correct than others is not new of course.

"It has been the guiding sentiment of tyrants in every age." Lady Thatcher warned against being enticed down the rutted and muddy road of socialism. She also hit out at the European Union which could ensnare Britain in "a morass of stifling regulations and government controls whether led by our own social-

ists or those in Brussels". She said freedom and civilisation were conditions that required great effort thought and commitment. "We must constantly affirm that our Western civilization is worthy of an unfaltering and unapolo-

#### STATE OF THE STATE Labour attacks SNP on eve of conference

The Scottish National Party starts its annual conference in Inverness today under attack from Labour for "sitting on the fence" on devolution. A new Labour poster campaign criticised the SNP for failing to clarify how it would vote in a referendum on a Scottish Parliament if Tony Blair won the next general election. Labour has committed itself to a twoquestion referendum pending an election victory. Two posters, which will be driven around Inverness over the next two days, use the image of dice to convey the message that under Labour devolution would be a "certainty", whereas under the SNP it would be a "gamble."

#### State school exam targets

State schools will be required by law to publish annual targets to raise their examination scores to the level of the top 25 per cent, under government proposals launched yesterday. Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said schools would set their own targets for improvement in English, mathematics and science from

#### **INLA** prisoner on run

A republican prisoner jailed for plotting a bombing campaign in England three years ago is being hunted in Northern Ireland after failing to return to prison after attending his mother's funeral in Manchester. Liam Heffernan, 34, an INLA member, was given compassionate parole from the top security Maghaberry Prison in Co Antrim last week. He failed to return as agreed by lunchtime last Thursday.

#### Bishop apologises

The former bishop Roderick Wright yesterday apologised to his family for the scandal surrounding his secret double life and told them that he would not be returning to work as a priest. He made a ten-minute telephone call to his brother, Donald, in Aberdeen after learning that his sister was ill with stress. He said that he was not in Britain but hoped to

#### Major's libel lawyer

One of the country's leading libel lawyers has been secured by John Major to deal with the subpoena summoning him to appear in a £1 million libel case on the eve of the Conservative Party conference. Charles Gray, QC, is expected to contest moves from The Guardian newspaper that Mr Major give evidence for them in an action being brought by Neil Hamilton, Conservative MP for Tatton.

#### Treasury woman cleared

The Treasury high-flier who applied to be a Labour candidate broke no Civil Service rules, it was announced vesterday. Helen Goodman, 38, was at the centre of controversy when she was identified as the author of Treasury proposals to dismantle the welfare state. Miss Goodman withdrew from the shortlist of the safe Labour seat of Barnsley East because of the furore.

#### human rights test By A STAFF REPORTER THE legality of Britain's court RAF personnel who have martial system is to be chal- faced courts martial want the enged today in a test case which could trigger dozens of of human rights. compensation claims and a multimillion-pound bill for courts martial contravenes the human rights convention

the Ministry of Defence. The case of Alec Findlay, a Falklands veteran who was jailed by the Army for two years for threatening to kill fellow soldiers, is the first to be brought in the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg. Mr Findlay, 34,

who was suffering from post-

traumatic stress disorder at

the time, and other army and

which guarantees the right to a fair trial. Their claims are based on differences between courts martial and civilian criminal court procedures in Britain, such as the lack of trial by jury. Government lawyers will tell the human rights court that discrepancies are justified, taking account of

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mission is concerned, however, that only 20 per cent of **Courts martial face** the EU's multinationals have so far complied with the law. The Commission is expected to take new action on labour law with explosive political implications for Britain before the end of the year. If the European Court of Justice finds against a British appeal. the Commission is planning to

> hour working week and other minimum conditions for law to be scrapped because it was passed under health and safety rules rather than the social protocol, which would have exempted Britain. London resisted another law which was given final approval by ministers yesterday after initial voting earlier this year.

#### had been decorating." getic commitment to its Reaping a whirlwind, page 16 perpetuation." Unlikely intervention by Tory knight of the shires

THE intervention by Sir Nicholas Bonsor in the Tory single-currency row came hours after he returned from a weekend at the country estate of one of Britain's most

influential Euro-sceptics. He was a guest of Lord Pearson of Rannoch, a sponsor of the Bruges Group, whose President is Baroness Thatcher. The two Old Etonians spent the weekend stalking the Perthshire glens of Lord Pearson's estate at Bridge of Gaur. Europe dominated conversation.

The Minister and Lord Pearson, the unofficial whip of the Tory Euro-sceptics in the House of Lords, were appalled by Kenneth Clarke's interview which trigggered

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beyond acceptable limits.

Many are furious with Mr Clarke and Michael Howard.

the Home Secretary, was re-

garded as having given him less than full backing in

interviews yesterday. Mr Howard instead emphasised

his opposition to a federal

Europe, which many Euro-sceptics believe would be the

inevitable consequence of

Mr Clarke's friends, mean-

while, launched a fightback on

his behalf, claiming a right-

wing conspiracy to force him

from office and calling on Sir

Sir Edward Heath, the for-

mer Prime Minister, accused

the Euro-sceptics of "undoubt-

edly" trying to "stampede" Mr

Major into changing his policy and his Chancellor. Sir

monetary union.

Nicholas to resign.

for Upminster, returned to London on Monday with his wife Nadine, he was fired-up by the Pearson rhetoric. But a public strike against

By Andrew Pierce and James Landale

publicity.
His background is that of the old-style Tory aristocrat and landowner. A bluff, clubable man, he is known in Westminster as one of the last remaining Tory squires. Yet the wealthy baronet and direct descendant of Admiral Lord

Nelson is no stranger to controversy. A senior backbencher who served on several Commons

Nicholas should have kept

quiet. "He is a junior minister and if he feels like that, he is free to resign. If I was Prime

Minister, I would expect him

The campaign signalled by

the Tory grandees last week.

in defence of the single curren-

cy, will be stepped up today by

Douglas Hurd, the former

Foreign Secretary, who will

argue that Mr Major would be

"foolish" to heed the calls of the Tory Right to rule out

membership of a single

by Paddy Ashdown in his

keynote speech to the Liberal

Democrat conference in

Brighton. He said Britain was

now governed by a Cabinet "at

was with itself".

The disarray was exploited

to," Sir Edward said.

Tories break ranks

the latest bout of infighting. By the time Sir Nicholas, the MP committees, Sir Nicholas did not shy away from criticising Ministers before he joined the Government in July last year. An ambitious man, Sir Nicholas, 53, unsuccessfully

fought Sir Marcus Fox two the Chancellor was the last years ago for the coveted post thing on the mind of Sir as chairman of the Tory Nicholas, who does not court backbench 1922 Committee and Sir Nicholas was only second choice for the interview with the BBC World at One. He was a last-minute suggestion by the production staff after Sir Marcus was unavailable.

Yesterday morning the Minister was relaxing in his London flat, having read press reports about the Prime Minister's apparent annoyance with the Chancellor, when Sir Edward Heath went on the

BBC Today programme.
The comments of the former Prime Minister, who accused the Tory right of trying to force Mr Clarke out of office, fur-ther depressed Sir Nicholas. At mid-morning a producer from the World at One rang. Sir Nicholas agreed to a

five-minute interview which was recorded over the telephone before the programme went on air at 1pm. He did not seek prior permission from the Foreign Office. By 1.30pm unnamed offici-

als from Downing Street and the Foreign Office telephoned Sir Nicholas at home. The "riot act" was read over the telephone.

Sir Nicholas, who according to his friends had not realised the impact his remarks would make, agreed to say that he had misinterpreted the press reports of the Chancellor's remarks and the Prime Minis-Letters, page 17 ter's response.



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Judge urges change in the law to make stalking a criminal offence

# Stalker's lawyer rebuked for comments to victim

By KATHRYN KNIGHT

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A JUDGE has called for stalking to be made a criminal offence after taking the unusual step of criticising a defence barrister for suggesting that a woman had invited her stalkers' attentions by "dressing like a queen bee".

After calling Clarence Morris a "very dangerous man" who should probably be sent to Rampton high-security mental hospital, Judge Butler criticised David Stanton, for the defence, who had said to the jury: "Is it fair that a young lady who dresses to attract, the queen bee attracting the drones, the queen bee that dresses to kill, cries out foul because somebody finds her attractive?"

Mr Stanton said that Perry Southall, 20, had played up to her resemblance to the "overexposed" television actress Pamela Anderson. He said she "ran the risk" of attracting attention as she dressed to please men. Can she complain if a man, in this case the defendant, finds her attractive? That, in a way, is his

After the jury of six men and six women convicted Morris of occasioning actual bodily harm and common assault, Judge Butler turned to Mr Stanton and said that while he had "no pleasure" in doing so. he wanted to make a point to the court. "Mr Stanton, in your closing speech you made a number of comments about women in general — and Miss Southall in particular - pre-



Clarence Morris, left, "a dangerous man", and David Stanton, his barrister, criticised by judge

ner designed to attract men and what they must expect as a result. Might I publicly entirely dissociate myself from those comments, which I believe ought never to have been made," he said.

The judge also called for an urgent change in the law. "The jury have on the evidence been able to convict this defendent of the offences with which he was charged, but I believe that what this case shows is that the legislature must move swiftly to create a separate offence for this kind of conduct."

The jury at Southwark Crown Court was told that Morris became obsessed with Miss Southall and subjected her to an eight-month campaign of harassment. After their first meeting when he walked into the dental surgery where she worked in Whitechapel, east London, he bornbarded her with letters and presents. He continually visited the practice, banging on the windows and shouting: "Perry, Perry, I love you."

Twice he had threatened her with a blade-edged wallpaper scraper, on one occasion following her as she walked to her car and on another brandishing the implement as he screamed his declarations of love for her.

Miss Southall told the jury that she had been left a nervous wreck who had lost her social life and was unable to sleep properly. "I feared for my life. I was petrified," she

Timothy Banks, for the prosecution, told the judge that Morris has at least 45 other convictions for offences including rape, indecent assault, burglary and possessing an offensive weapon. In 1979 he was jailed for six years

at Bristol Crown Court for raping a 15-year-old girl. In 1992 he was sent to Guy's Hospital for a 12-month course of treatment under the Mental Health Act for affray and a knife offence. Adjourning sentencing to October 22 for medical reports, the judge said that Morris was a very dangerous man who must be sent to a

Outside the court. Mr Stanton wasasked if he regretted his words. He replied: "The words I used to the jury came as a result of her evidence in the witness box in which she admitted that she dressed in the way she did in order to be attractive to me." He refused to comment further.

secure hospital to protect the

Judge Butler later said he would not be reporting Mr Stanton to the Bar council as he had "simply got carried away with himself" during his Both the Labour and Con-

servative parties have pledged to make stalking a criminal offence. In July, David Maclean, a Junior Home Office Minister, issued a list of proposals for laws that are expected to be in a Bill introduced in the next session of Parliament.

Among these is a civil measure that would allow victims of harassement to seek an injunction against the perpetrator. Breaking the injunction would be punishable with up to five years in prison. A new offence of causing harassment or alarm was also among those detailed.



Perry Southall, said to resemble Pamela Anderson

# Sex case payout police chief to be investigated

By Paul Wilkinson

THE chief constable whose force paid £165,000 to settle claims of sexual harassment brought by a woman detective was last night accused of mishandling the investigation into her case.

A letter containing the com-plaint against David Burke, head of the North Yorkshire force, was handed to officials of the police authority as they met in an emergency session vesterday to discuss the payment to former DC Libby Ashurst, disclosed last week.

David Bramhall, the authority's clerk, said there had been no time to study the letter in detail but at the end of the four-hour meeting Mr Burke, 57, disclosed that he and others of his most senior officers were the subject of a complaint relating to the conduct of the inquiry. He said: "I

believe my hands are clean." He declined to detail the complaints or name the individual who had brought them. The allegations will now be investigated by a chief constable from another force.

The authority has also requested a separate outside investigation by the chief inspector of constabulary and Price Waterhouse, the force's own auditors, into how the settlement with Miss Ashurst was achieved.

Angela Harris, the authority chairman, said it was also asking for the inclusion of an independent "person of suitable standing to reassure the public of the integrity of the

The authority meeting had been called in the wake of mounting public concern over the size of the payment to Miss

forced to retire after suffering harassment which led to inde cent assault while stationed with the CID at Harrogate, North Yorkshire. She is still

traumatised.

The chief inspector. Colin Hallinan, the head of the CID in Harrogate at the time, was fined £1.500 and transferred to administrative duties at the force headquarters near Northallerton. He is appealing. Mrs Harris said that she and her colleagues thought he should have been dismissed.

In a statement issued after the authority meeting she said they had agreed to settle Miss Ashurst's claim because counsel had advised them that her case was exceptionally strong. She added: "The Police Authority is concerned that it should be and be seen to be accountable to the public we

The authority has acted throughout on legal advice. including advice from a barrister who specialises in employment law."



Ashurst: payment has

# Expensive tastes earn Japanese higher salaries Boys went on run with guns

JAPANESE workers seconded to a ed racially by giving them lower Tokyo company's London office were salaries and fewer job prospects. paid three times more than their British colleagues so they could buy exotic Japanese food, a tribunal was

told vesterday. Three former Quick Corporation executives, Cliff Wakeman, 45, Stewart Mitchell, 45, and Ashok Solanki, 44, are seeking a seven-figure compensation sum from the company. They claim Noriaki Nakajima, their former deputy managing director, sacked them unfairly in 1994 and discriminat-

Mr Solanki, who works up to 18 hours a day for £39,500, claims he was passed over for promotion by a junior, less experienced Japanese colleague, who was being paid El20,000. But Mr Nakaiima told Stratford industrial tribunal yesterday that the pay discrepancy was quite normal. "You cannot He admitted the cost of living in not receive the same benefits.

Britain was "substantially lower" than in Japan but said staff brought over from Tokyo needed an attractive pay offer as an incentive to work overseas. And he added: "Not everything is cheaper here. You have to remember that for Japanese we have to buy some special Japanese food as well, which can be quite expensive." He admitted keeping the wages of Japanese staff at and Japanese secondees because we was natural in any firm. He denied apply a different salary scheme." was natural in any firm. He denied that two British staff sent to Japan did

Quick Corporation had a written policy of non-discrimination on the ground of ethnic origin or religion, but Mr Nakajima said he did not believe he had breached this. Mr Nakajima admits unfairly dismissing the three men but denies racial discrimination. The tribunal was earlier told how Mr Nakajima flew into a rage during a metting with Mr Wakeman and husaying he had a "strange skin colour" and "a head like a rock or football". The hearing continues.

series of burglary convictions,

yesterday.

was arrested after a gun owner discovered that rilles, pistols and ammunition had been taken from a cabinet at Buckinghamshire.

A TEENAGER who admitted

handling four stolen guns was

given a last chance of freedom

The 17-year-old, who has a

Police began searching for the youth and his 15-year-old friend as they went on the run with the weapons. The pair tried to sell them to other teenagers and later took potshots at a wall.

At Aylesbury Crown Court. Judge John Slack was told that the boys were found with the four guns - two target rifles, a Browning pistol, another pis-

The 17-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was given 28 days in a bail hostel before a decision is made about his future. Judge Slack told him: "I believe that there is about one last hope and that is to get you away from your present environment and to some degree of controlled environment where, if you are ever going to make something of your life,

The other boy was put under a two-year supervision

# Man calls off £6,000 sex change operation to wed

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MAN named Pamela has called off a sex change operation after falling in love with a girl named Sue. Pamela Turner. 31, will be changing his name back to Paul and getting married after realising two weeks ago he was in love

rith divorcee Sue Render. The couple plan to marry in six weeks' time at Selby, North Yorks, Register Office, as soon as Mr Turner's name is changed back by deed poll. For the past two years he has been dressing in women's clothes, and wearing makeup

and earrings. Yesterday he announced that he would be throwing away his female wardrobe. He has also abandoned hormone treatment and plans for sex change operation after attending gender clinics at a hospital in Leeds. The operation would have cost the NHS £6,000 not including the hormone treatment. Mr Turner said: "I do not need that now, I'm happy to be a man as long as Sue is at my side." Mr Turner, of Selby, said he would be wearing a suit at the wedding. He said previous relationships with women had proved a disaster before he came out", but with Ms Rendersomething had clicked. He said: "I feel like a million

dollars. I've known Sue for a while but never had any sexual feelings for her until now. I feel more nervous now than when I first came out as a woman. It's a strange feeling but I have nothing to prove. Sue loves me for what I am and that's all that matters." Mr Turner was sacked three

weeks ago from his job as a care assistant in a nursing home after, he alleges, hurtful remarks by one or two women not connected with the home. He came out in 1994 after saying he could no longer stand being a female trapped in a male body. He also claimed he was once barred from a Working Men's Club after complaints from lady members that he was using

the women's toilets. Ms Render, 35, who has been married twice, said Mr Turner was the man of her dreams. She added: "We're madly in love and very happy. Paul has got caring female emotions which is a nice change when you have been ill-treated by blokes."

She added that she and Mr Turner had known each other

for four years. She said: "Two weeks ago we just got together and it has been brilliant ever since. We are like one person. Paul is attracted to me because I'm so caring and I love the fact he's not like any other man I've ever met. Most of the ones I've known have treated me badly but he has such a caring side and so many feminine qualities. We're made for each other, and I can't see us ever splitting up. It's true love."

She added they had a shared interest in country walks and tarot cards. Paul had told her she was the only woman he had ever been happy with. "It was wonderful and we're both looking forward to the wedding day. It's going to be the greatest mo-ment of both our lives."



To have and to hold: Paul Turner and Sue Render

#### Calaboose calls again for cowboy on the run

By Robin Young

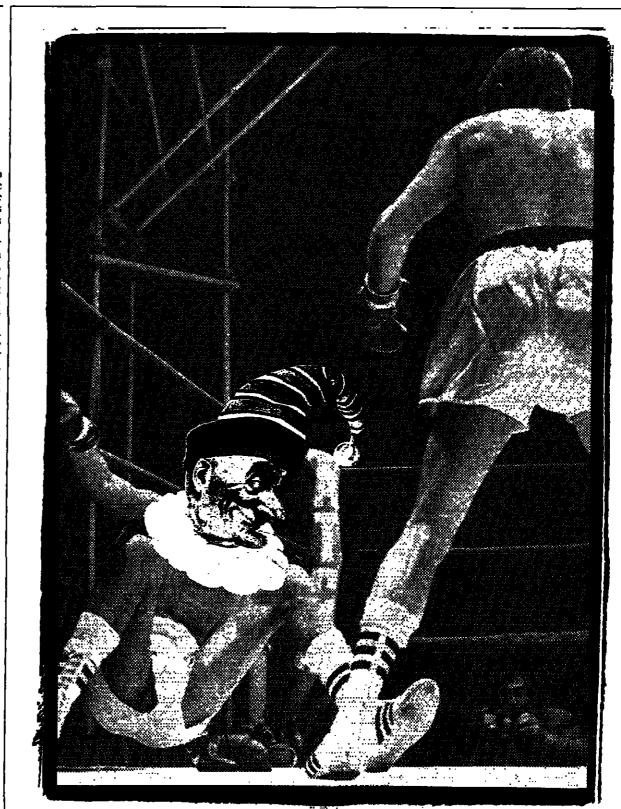
AN ESCAPED prisoner who was a Wild West fanatic managed to evade recapture for four years by changing his names to those of two of his

cowboy heroes.
Colin Tough, a founder member of the Portsmouth Wild West Association, changed his surname to Rogers in honour of the singing cowboy of that name, Roy, "pardner" to the silver screen's most famous horse, Trigger.

The escaped convict, sentenced in 1991 to nine years' imprisonment for a string of armed robberies, affrays, arson and perjury, felt it might invite suspicion to adopt the full identity of Roy Rogers, though, and instead chose the forename Alan, in tribute to Alan Ladd, the star of Shane and many other Westerns.

Yesterday Tough, 49, was back in the calaboose having been rounded up by a posse of lawmen while wandering down West Street in Fareham. Hampshire. He had been living in the town as Alan Rogers since absconding from Garth prison in Preston, Lancashire, in November 1992.

The convict, who loved to dress up in cowboy clothes and stetson hat, escaped when he briefly unhandcuffed while visiting his sick mother in a Lancashire hospital. Police said yesterday that Tough had assumed a new identity in Fareham, obtaining a new national insurance number and claiming social security in the name of Alan Rogers.



# PUNCH, EVERY FRIDAY. THE MAGAZINE THAT UPSETS PEOPLE. PLXCH

IN PUNCH THIS YEEK, THE PECULIAR MANAGEMENT STYLE OF BRITAIN'S WOST POYERFUL PRESS BARON IS REVEALED. SOMEONE OTHER THAN

# Linford's lunchbox runs Club into trouble

LINFORD Christie, the former Olympic champion, has unwittingly run a biscuitmaker into trouble. The Jacobs company latched on to an expression coined by the media when Christie and other athletes took to running in Lycra unitards and used the phrase to promote an enlarged ersion of their Club chocolate biscuit.

The result has been a series of complaints to the Advertising Standards man's dream. An extra one and a half inches in the lunchbox department." The double entendre is believed by

advertising experts to refer to the phrase "Linford's lunchbox", which lexicologists identify as a sports commentator's description of the bulging contents of Mr Christie's skin-tight running shorts. The phrase caught the public imagination and entered common usage with speed comparable to Christie's own recordmore suggestive than a picture of the new Club biscuit, but callers to the ASA have claimed it is a "smutty" and distasteful joke. Men in the north-east have complained in the largest numbers.

Jacobs claimed to be surprised by the reaction. Craig Walker, the firm's general manager, said: "The double entendre follows the tradition of the Carry On films and British seaside humour. We believe it falls on the right side of the line

CRIME CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR is committed to outlawing handguns and will not bow to pressure from the gun lobby, Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, told a national conference of senior police officers yesterday.

Speaking weeks before the release

of Lord Cullen's report on the Dunblane massacre, Mr Straw said: The status quo the handgun lobby seeks to defend is the status which killed innocent adults and children

VIOLENT crime rose by 10

per cent in England and Wales

during the year to the end of

June, according to figures

published yesterday. The rise

in recorded offences of vio-

lence, including robbery, was

the largest for eight years and

ended a three-year fall in

Overall, crime recorded by

the police rose by 0.4 per cent

in England and Wales to 5.1

million offences. But a Home

Office survey of 16,000 house-

holds suggested that the actu-

al level of crime was much

higher at 19.1 million crimes

The survey also found that

in spite of falls in recorded

crime during the past three

years, only 4 per cent of people

The British Crime Survey

showed a 2 per cent increase in

offences between 1993-95 com-

pared with an 8 per cent fall in

the equivalent crimes record-

ed by the 43 police forces in

England and Wales. It was the

smallest increase recorded

survey since the survey started

in 1981. The rise in violent

offences recorded by police is

reflected by the survey, which found an increase of 17 per

cent. It reports a 5 per cent fall

in burglaries and 8 per cent

helieved that it had fallen and

75 per cent felt it had risen.

overall crime.

blane. Sport is about the celebration of life. Handguns are about death. They have no place in our society."

Mr Straw said the handgun lobby

had been ferociously active, inundating MPs with material and capturing the Conservative members of the Commons Home Affairs Select Committee, who decided against a gun ban. Labour, he said, would not

He told the annual conference of the Police Superintendents' Association at Stratford-upon-Avon: "We

Violent crime up

by highest amount

for eight years

By RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

cles. It also found that II per

cent of women never went out

after dark and crime-related

reasons were given by 31 per

Michael Howard, the Home

them to change their way of

the juvenile justice system.

☐ Violent crimes rose by

home after dark.

owe it to the parents of Dunblane and the memory of their children to ensure that the chances of such a tragedy happening again are greatly reduced." The law should make it clear that the use and ownership of any kind of gun was not a right but a privilege. Mr Straw said. The police should have an absolute discretion to refuse a licence and not give reasons for so doing.

Handguns were designed to kill people. The public found the notion that they could be used for sport to be grotesque and for that reason

ownership of handguns by civilians should be banned". The only exceptions would be handguns for occupational uses or target-shooting in the case of .22 single-shot handguns, Mr Straw said.

Later the conference voted unanimously for a motion describing current legislation as too liberal. Officers were told that some gun owners held up to 20 of the powerful weapons used by Thomas Hamilton at Dunblane. Proposing the motion, Superintendent Dai Davies, a Scot-

called for a national database for firearms that would give every gun a unique identity mark and an individual logbook so that the movement and ownership of a gun could be tracked and recorded.

Mr Davies said all imitation firearms should be banned. Handguns should not be kept at home and the number of shotguns stored in the home should also be reduced. He told the conference it was a sad fact there would always be the criminally evil and

Harriman, of the British Association for Shooting and Conserva-tion, said he believed stricter controls stemmed from the police's "natural desire to control wherever possible". "We are not all camouflaged Rambo raving loonies but are normal men and women who like to do a bit of shooting. The private ownership of firearms in society is one of the cornerstones of any

Lib Dem conference, page 9



#### **Diplomat** criticises rabies law after pet dog dies

By VALERIE ELLIOTT WHITEHALL EDITOR

A SENIOR Danish diplomat is demanding a change to Britain's Victorian quarantine rules after his family's pet dog died "in a prison cage" Henrik Sorensen, the Danish consul in London, has written a letter of complaint to the Foreign Office about the incident, saying that his family "will only remember England

for its cruelty to animals" He and his family are particularly upset because they had no idea that Mr Bogie, their 13-year-old English cocker spaniel, was ill, then learnt that the dog had died and had been cremated without them seeing the

They were also angry at receiving the dog's ashes in a coffee jar wrapped in a dirty plastic bag.

Last night Mr Sorensen, who lives in Chelsea, said: "I certainly will not be buying another dog while I am here in England. I should have known better. Other colleagues have told me they prefer to leave their pets with a friend or relative than put them through the quarantine period in Britain. But Mr Bogie was part of the family and we wanted him with us. Mr Sorensen, his American

POLICE investigating serial killers should focus on finding

abducted their victims rather

than where they dumped the

The point of fatal encoun-

ter", where the victim is

chosen and kidnapped, is

much more closely related to

the offender's home and his

daily routine, new research

suggests. Maurice Godwin, a

former police officer from

North Carolina, is conducting research into geographical

profiling involving 54 Ameri-

can serial killers. He is a third-

year PhD student at Liverpool

University's investigative psy-chology unit. He told the

wife Charae, and seven-yearold daughter Christina, made weekly visits to Andrew's Kennels, Horsham, West Sussex, from June when their net started its compulsory six-

form him that Mr Bogie had developed kidney cancer and had died suddenly. Under the strict quarantine rules laid down by the Ministry of Agriculture to prevent rabies spreading in Britain, the dog's body had to be cremated immediately after the post-

The family was so incensed

**Investigative Psychology Conference** 

How serial killers move

ever closer to their home

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

fourth International Investi-

gative Psychology Conference

on Merseyside yesterday that police traditionally favoured

psychological profiling built

up from an examination of the

site where the body was found,

But an analysis of the crimes of the 54 killers, who had each

murdered at least ten victims.

disclosed that the average

distance between the killer's

home and his chosen dump-

ing ground was 14.3 miles

while the abduction area was

At each successive murder

the killer would travel a

smaller distance both to

choose and grab his victim and to get rid of her body. A

only 1.4 miles away.

here our English cocker spaniel, who actually came back to its roots, was sent to prison and had to die on a cold cement floor ... without his

loved ones". Mr Sorensen said last night that he was convinced his dog died "due to lack of exercise He was generous about the care given by staff at the kennels - the family cat, Bluey, is in quarantine at the

but he described the plight of the animals locked in cages as "pitiful". Last night Robin Silver, owner of the kennels, said he deeply regretted the death of Mr Bogie but added: "The

same place until December -

have always been a scourge for diplomats and foreign

John Luckhurst, the vet who attended Mr Bogie, said last night that he had written a post-mortem report blaming the dog's death on the rupture of a fast-growing cancer. Samples had been sent to the oratory in Weybridge to check for rabies but these were clear.

Mr Luckhurst, a vet for 33 years, said he believed quarantine was the only way to keep rabies out of the country. "I honestly believe that there would be far more expense and heartache if rabies came into this country. It would be

"It's all very well to talk about the civilised countries but just think of India and the Middle East where rabies is endemic."

#### MENSINEDIES.

#### Marathon raises up to £14.5m

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The Fiora London Marathon is one of the United Kingdom's most successful annual fund-raising events, figures compiled from this year's

event proved yesterday.

A survey of runners in the race showed that the majority were running to raise money for charity. The 21,409 runners surveyed had pledges to raise more than EILS million. The total that the 27.124 runners who participated might raise could be as much as £14.5 million.

#### Security loses bite

Two German shepherd puppies bought to deter thieves after a burglary at a house in Penshaw. Tyne and Wear. have been stolen. The ten-week-old black puppies were taken after intruders broke into their compound.

#### Alarms for pupils

The school in Launceston where Caroline Dickinson. the teenager murdered while on a school holiday to France. was a pupil, has issued students with personal attack

#### Bird flown home

An injured housemartin is to be flown by an airline to its winter home in North Africa. Air Algerie has offered to carry the bird which is unable to migrate after a cat in Ivybridge, Devon, tore out its wing feathers.

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Doctors ....

for control

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Drug.

Pregnant girls The number of girls under 16 getting pregnant has in-creased after a three-year decline. There were 8.3 conceptions per 1.000 girls aged 13 to 15 in England and Wales in 1994, according to the

#### Office for National Statistics.

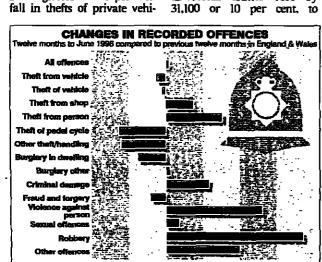
Aces in the hole Four members of a golf club hit holes in one at the same hole on the same day of a competition. The Pavenham Park Golf Club near Bedford is contacting The Guinness Book of Records to see if the feat is a first.

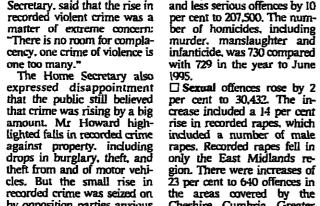
#### Yew tree project

More than 13,000 yew trees are to be planted in parishes throughout Britain in a millennium project launched vesterday by the botanist David Bellamy. They will be planted in churchyards, schools, parks and gardens.

#### Zeppelin birthday

Zeppelina Williams, who was named after the German airship that crashed in flames near her home at Great Wigborough, Essex. as her mother gave birth in 1916. celebrated her 80th birthday yesterday.





331,000, the largest increase in

eight years. However, violent

crime was only 6 per cent of all

crime recorded in the year to

the end of June. Life-threaten-

ing offences of violent crime

rose by 15 per cent to 21,100,

included a number of male rapes. Recorded rapes fell in only the East Midlands region. There were increases of 23 per cent to 640 offences in the areas covered by the by opposition parties anxious Cheshire, Cumbria, Greater to discredit the Government's Manchester, Lancashire and law and order policies. Jack Merseyside police forces; 17 Straw, the Shadow Home per cent to 300 offences in the Secretary, said: "The continareas covered by the Hampshire, Surrey and Sussex forces; and 17 per cent to 2,100 offences in London and the uing rise in violent crime is particularly alarming. It is these crimes that cause the public more concern and force South East.

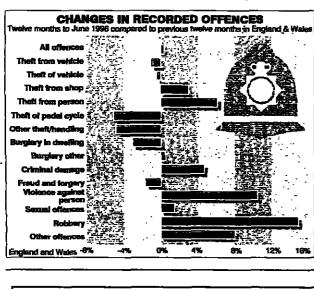
life." He accused ministers of to 72,300, with most recorded robberies being muggings in the streets. Cambridgeshire failing to tackle the underlying causes of crime, deal with antirecorded a 68 per cent increase social behaviour or overhaul in robbery. Warwickshire 56 per cent, Cheshire 53 per cent. and Merseyside 46 per cent. ☐ Property offences including burglary, theft and fraud by 0.3 per cent to 4.8 million crimes, the third consecutive annual drop. Burto 1.2 million, with domestic burglaries dropping by 3 per cent from 650,000 to 630,000, much of it the result of police initiatives such as Operation Bumblebee. But burglaries in

☐ Robbery rose by 15 per cent

579,700 to 582,900. □ Vehicle offences fell by 10,000 from L331 million to 1.321 million, with thefts from and thefts of motor vehicles decreasing by 1 per cent and 0.4 per cent respectively.

other premises rose from

Simon Jenkins, page 16





month quarantine period. Towards the end of August John Luckhurst, a veterinary

mortem examination. by the treatment of their dog that Mr Sorensen decided to write to the Foreign Office. He said that his family would always remember "that it was

dog was getting on in age and was 13 years old." ated in Britain since 1897 and

killer would travel consider-

able distances to dump a body for the first four or five

murders but by the ninth or

tenth murder he "is usually almost back at his home". Mr

Godwin added: "You look at

the last of the series of body

dump sites rather than the

"The psychology of this is that as the killer becomes

more confident with his

crimes, he incorporates the

abduction and dumping of his

victims into his daily lifestyle

and activities, which are nor-

Mr Godwin said the team

mally close to home."

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murder confessions POLICE should not abandon psychological techniques to elicit confessions from suspected murderers after the legal furore surrounding the Colin Stagg affair, the conference was told.

Persuasion can win

Laurence Alison, who helped Mr Stagg's defence team in court, said that the case held lessons on how to obtain convictions ethically.

The case against Mr Stagg. accused of murdering Rachel Nickell on Wimbledon Common, was thrown out after Mr Justice Ognall ruled that the evidence obtained by a covert operation was inadmissible. For months a woman police

constable working with a senior psychological profiler encouraged a relationship with Mr Stagg through letters containing sexual fantasies. Mr Alison, of the Liverpool University investigative psychology unit, said: We need to develop persuasion techniques that will enable investigators to elicit

confessions ethically."

David Canter, who led the nsychologists helping the Stagg desence team, said: "If the police are trying to get information that differs from what the person wishes to declare, then that runs into

focused on Chapeltown, Leeds's red-light district where four of his victims were picked up. They would have earnt much about the murderer's lifestyle by studying the "victims' targeted network. "Police are overwhelmingly concerned with offenders' characteristics and totally ne-

glect victimology, the study of the victim and their lifestyle." D Police officers, secret service agents and customs officers are no smarter at spotting liars because of their shifty behaviour than the average man in the street, the conference was told. That stereotype does not

hold true, according to an investigation carried out at Leicester University for The Netherlands police. The police were advised instead to assess all suspects individually and their behaviour set against behaviour base rates.

investigating the crimes of the Yorkshire Ripper could have

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# Old Bailey told that Philip Lawrence made no attempt to defend himself from knife

# Accused boy made three confessions to head's murder'

NEWS IN BRID

Tarathon raises up to £14.5m

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A BOY aged 16, accused of murdering the headmaster Philip Lawrence, confessed three times to friends that he had stabbed a teacher, the Old Bailey was told yesterday. He first confessed immed-

iately after the confrontation between Mr Lawrence and the gang of youths he led, it was alleged, telling a fellow gang member: "I've made a misiake. I've stabbed a teacher."

Mr Lawrence was stabbed in front of at least 25 witnesses when he went to the aid of a 13year-old pupil who had been attacked by the 12-strong gang as he left St George's Roman Catholic School in Maida Vale, northwest London, last

Later that evening, the youth allegedly admitted the crime again, telling a former gang member during a game of pool that he had stabbed a teacher twice.

The jury was told that the third confession came on New Year's Eve. when the boy asked a teenage friend how much the police knew about the attack. Mr Bevan told the court that when the gang leader, who cannot be named and is referred to as Boy A, was arrested on January 4 he declined to answer questions from police but offered no

The gang, which styled itself on the Triads, was intent on attacking the 13-year-old because one of them, Boy B, was involved in a feud with him. Boy A. aged 15 at the time, "saw it as his duty to frighten off pursuers and allow his gang to carry on the beating", Mr Bevan said. "His role was dangerous - to keep onlookers away. No doubt he was in a state of heightened tension and excitement."

A short distance from the school Mr Lawrence was confronted by Boy A, who had become separated from the rest of his gang, Mr Bevan said. The boy approached and challenged the head. Mr Lawrence may have said to him

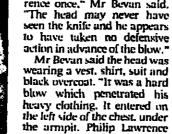


Philip Lawrence: knife penetrated thick clothing

What is the trouble?" or What is going on?"

"Mr Lawrence adopted a non-threatening and conciliatory stance with his hands in his pockets to start with. Even if he made a grab for the youth's shoulder - that is the most anyone suggests seeing him do - it was no more than was merited in the circumstances," Mr Bevan said.

The youth, dressed in black jacket with its hood up over a baseball cap, said "What do you want?" or something similar. "He then in quick succession slapped Philip Lawrence in the face, kicked him on the leg and then, with a knife which appeared suddenly in his hand, stabbed Mr Law-



staggered, through the crowd of pupils back towards the ol, where he collapsed." The boy then made his first confession. "When someone asked why, self-preservation took over and he added, 'Shut up, it wasn't my fault, we'd better split up. Everyone appeared shocked at what the

youth had said," Mr Bevan

turned holding the left side of

his chest and trotted, then

"Of the many eye-witnesses, two knew the youth and saw him do it," the prosecutor said. The first, a former classmate of the gang leader, told police that he saw him deliver what looked like a punch at Mr Lawrence, the jury was told. But the witness saw the attack from the side and would not

have been able to see a knife. "He saw Philip Lawrence immediately after the punch bend over and run back down the road," Mr Bevan said. "He knew the youth and saw what was obviously the knife injury inflicted by him. "The jury was



St George's school, where Mr Lawrence collapsed



told that the second witness, a 14-year-old boy who was a former member of the defendant's gang, had seen the youth kicking punching and then stabbing the head with what looked like a knife with a pointed blade".

Mr Bevan described how the head was cared for by school staff until a medical team arrived in a helicopter. He was lying unconscious and with no pulse on the floor near the entrance to the school lobby, and doctors opened his chest to give internal cardiac massage. He was taken by ambulance to St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where he was declared dead at midnight after surgeons had fought for more than seven

The knife had penetrated at least 7cm, according to the graphs of the holes in Mr

the knife. Mr Bevan also displayed a knife, believed to be the murder weapon, found near the scene. The singleedged weapon had a 6½in blade and a double-edged tip which had tiny traces of blood, according to forensic tests.

Boy A is jointly charged with Boy B, who is aged 15, with attacking the 13-year-old. The court was told that Boy B had telephoned the school shortly after the stabbing sounding "upset and nervous", and asking to speak to Mr Lawrence. He told the police officer who answered the school telephone that he had been attacked by a gang wielding a metal bar. Mr Bevan said: "He was obviously, we suggest, trying to achieve two things: distancing himself from the gang and casting bimself in the role of a

After making one police statement, the boy admitted he had told lies and then changed his story to another "deliberate attempt to deceive police". Mr Bevan said. In this account, he said he had seen the stabbing of Mr Lawrence by a gang, insisting he had not been involved, but was the only witness to say the attack happened outside the school

gates, the jury was told. Mr Bevan said: "It was a transparently, hopelessly false account. If he is lying about all or a significant number of these matters, the question is why? He was not prepared to accept that this whole disaster stems from his lack of selfcontrol over a perceived slight from a 13-year-old."

The boy who was attacked, referred to as Boy C, spent an hour in the witness box vesterday answering questions from Mr Bevan on the events leading up to the afternoon of over the head with an iron bar before Mr Lawrence was stabbed. Speaking largely in They were lined up against the intent. The case continues.

monosyllables and repeatedly asked by Mr Bevan to speak up, the teenager told how he had fought with Boy B in the school corridor four days before the incident after Boy B had pushed him on the stairs.

He said that they had been split up by teachers but clashed again in the playground and were threatened with expulsion. Boy C alleged that Boy B told him "that he was going to bring people to deal with me. I told him, Bring them if you want."

Boy C said he was approached by Boy B just before 3pm on the day of Mr Lawrence's death. Boy B allegedly said he wanted a fight as they headed towards a nearby recreation ground, surrounded by friends. Boy C stopped when he saw Boy B's friends in a street near the school. Mr nise them?" He replied: "I could tell. They were Triads. wall. A few of them were wearing scarves over their faces, a few had on hoods or

Boy C said he returned to school to ring a friend for help. There Mr Lawrence asked him what was wrong and told him to go home. But Boy B approached him again and said that he wanted to fight. Shortly afterwards he felt the blow to his head. "I felt something hit me on the back of my head. I was dizzy. I didn't see it. It was hard. All I saw was black."

He ran off, bleeding heavily. followed by the gang and eventually escaped by asking for help at a house. The occupants took him inside and called an ambulance. He needed seven stitches for the

Boy A denies murder. He ing to cause grievous bodily harm and wounding with

#### **Doctors** call for control of 'killer' body sprays

By TIM JONES

DOCTORS called yesterday for controls over alcohol-based, fruit-scented body sprays after treating a girl who nearly died after drinking

The doctors at Morriston hospital, Swansea, initially thought that the girl, aged two, would die of liver poisoning after she drank 125ml\_of her mother's banana flavoured body spray. Analysis of the spray showed it contained three times as much alcohol as the equivalent amount of vodka.

Dr Michael McCabe, the hospital's accident and emergency consultant, said that labels showing brightly coloured fruit suggested the contents could be drunk. "Children who drink it can become seriously inebriated and risk coma and vomiting. Worse, they can die," he said.

Dr David Moore, a colleague at the hospital, said: The bottles have a screw top which can be opened by a child. The tube inside looks like a straw, giving the impression the contents are meant to be drunk."

A spokeswoman for Superdrug, which sold the spray. disputed that the bottles resembled drinks and said they contained a bitter tasting element to deter drinking. However, we will look again at how the sprays can be made more childproof," she said.

# TV gamekeeper sacked 'because his fame made him arrogant and rude'

By RICHARD DUCE

A MOMENT of television fame made an estate gamekeeper so arrogant and abusive towards wealthy shooting clients that the landowner was forced to sack him, a tribunal was told yesterday.

After Howard Green

starred on the BBC documentary A Gamekeeper's Tale. filmed in 1994, his behaviour allegedly became so insufferable that clients prepared to pay up to £6,000 for a day's shooting threatened to take their business elsewhere.

Major Ranulph Rayner, owner of the 2,500-acre Ashcombe estate, near Dawlish, Devon, said he eventually decided to sack Mr Green after learning that, among other liberties, the gamekeeper was mimicking his accent behind his back.

Mr Green. 33, is claiming at the industrial tribunal in Exeter that he was unfairly dismissed because the major was suffering financial trouble and wanted to let out his cottage.

Major Rayner, 61, told the hearing: "Both I and my main shooting syndicate liked Green but his attitude became increasingly cavalier after he starred in a TV programme called A Gamekeeper's Tale. "He became ever less con-

cerned about providing good shooting and more concerned with taking over as a shooters' agent. The shooting was an essential enterprise for the estate and through Mr Green's total disregard for its welfare much of its equipment has been misplaced or ruined.

"We have lost most of our valuable clients, much of our reputation and a considerable amount of income. Mr Green was dismissed for gross misconduct because he turned away our clients.

was told by beaters he was being disloyal and one day I heard him mimicking me in the background. One agent who arranged shoots complained that he heard Green on the radio asking has



Green: his boss said TV show changed him

that bastard gone yet?"." He said Mr Green was finally sacked after a party cancelled when the gamekeeper warned them they would not have a good day because they were replacing one Green himself

had arranged. Major Rayner, who is representing himself, told the tribunal that clients paid £20 for each bird and shot up to 300

birds a day. He also claimed Mr Green had allowed hundreds of young game birds to die of thirst when he released them early during the 1995 heatwave and had cost him E8,000 in compensation after he allowed the birds to raid

crops on neighbouring farms. Executives visiting a war games activity centre on the estate vowed never to return after their day out was ruined when Green, without notice, surrounded the area with shooters, the major said. Mr Green told the hearing:

"I would never deliberately put on a bad day's shooting because I would lose my reputation. The most important thing I can do is to make every day's shooting the best because you are only judged

on your last shoot.
"I have never insulted the major or acted against the interests of the estate or done anything to justify my dismissal.

The hearing continues.

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# Insurance executive guilty of fake claim

AN INSURANCE company executive who faked a £3,300 burglary claim by hiding hi-fi and video equipment in the attic was reported to the police by his wife

after their marriage broke up. Christopher Way, a £40,000-a-year manager with Pearl Assurance, told detectives that thieves got into the house through an open side window, but Martyn Kelly, for the prosecution, said he concocted the story because he and his wife Sarah were in debt. "His marriage was on the rocks and Mrs Way was living with her parents but seeing her

police that burglars had stolen a video recorder, a camcorder and stereo system. a watch and £900 worth of compact discs. He put in a claim to Comhill Insurance

for £3,450 and was paid £3,362." The court was told that although Way. 31, and his wife, 28, divorced in September 1995 they went on holiday to Tunisia together two months later. Mrs Way went because she said the holiday had

already been paid for," Mr Kelly said. But before going on holiday Mrs Way spotted that various hi-fi items started reappearing in the matrimonial home at items," Mr Kelly said. "But eventually he admitted to her that he had hidden them in the attic and had made a false claim." In court Mrs Way identified the video recorder by wear marks.

Way denied fraud by submitting a false claims form but was convicted by the jury. He claimed in court that he had bought new equipment after the burglary but the jury was told that he was unable to provide receipts or proof of purchase.Way was ordered to do 200 hours of community service. Ronald Christic, for the defence, said in mitiga-

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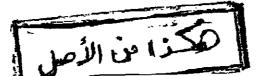
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At a private Trades Unio mittee last leaders are : sured Mr would bac' k him on most ssues as ne in turn denied reports th: at he intended to link between the party and the unions.

They w arned him, however, aced defeat over the notion calling for full nent rights for all

from their first day in Some union leaders. ng John Edmonds, il secretary of the GMB. ging the Labour leader ept a compromise under workers would have a nonth probationary period ł pefore being able to appeal unst "fair dismissal". ions would still expect emvees to have rights against fair dismissal from the first

By JILL SHERMAN, ( HIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

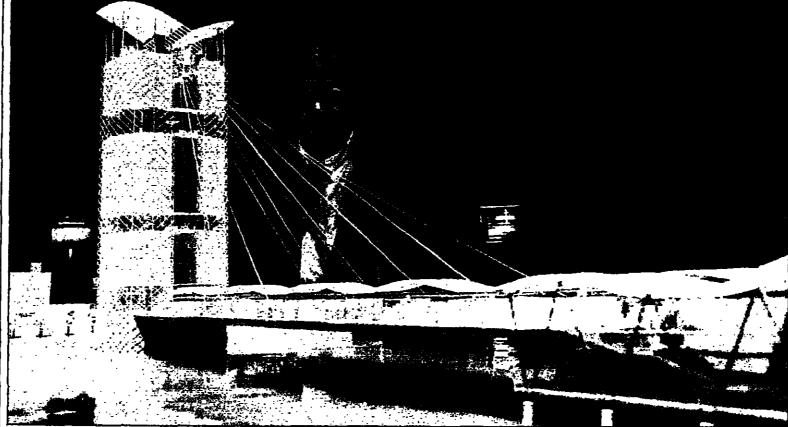
ressing team has given no sign that it is prepared to agree to the compromise. Mr Blair has previously made clear that he has no intention of honouring rship is a pledge made by John Smith. le défeat his predecessor, to provide ו number rights from the first day of including employment. A document produced in

July gave no commitment to reducing the present two-year period before workers get full rights against dismissal, although the Labour leadership said this timescale was "too long". But Ian McCartney, a Labour employment spokesman, is discussing with the unions a solution that is acceptable to both sides. One union source said that the leadership had "not said no" to the six-month compromise. aithough an agreement had yet to be reached.

One of the most potentially damaging debates at the conference, pitting old Labour against new, will be about state pensions. Baroness Castle of Blackburn will be leading a popular demand for state pensions to be raised in line with earnings rather than

Unions were expected to back her call but Harriet Harman, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, has written to them explaining how costly the scheme would be. "We will have to justify our case if we vote against the leadership on this," one union source said.

Sources close to Mr Blair said that he might ignore the pensions vote if it goes against him and press ahead with the policy in the draft manifesto, which drops previous pledges to raise pensions.



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Antoine Grumbach with his proposal for the new London Bridge, between Waterloo and Blackfriars, It includes an hotel and office tower

# Public lends hand with bridge building

By NICK NITTALL ENVIRONMENT

THE public is being urged to help to choose a new London Bridge after deadlock over two strikingly different designs. Some of the world's leading

architects submitted proposals for the first habitable bridge across the Thames for hundreds of years. It would span the river between Waterloo and Blackfriars. The winning design was expected to be disclosed yester-

day. But judges of the design competition, including John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, and Sir Philip Dowson, president of the Royal Academy, announced that they had shortlisted two plans after being unable to choose a

One proposal, dominated by glass and steel, is from London-based Zaha Hadid. The other, described as a garden bridge, is by the French architect Antoine The shadow employment Lib Dem conference, page 9 Grumbach. Mr Gummer said



Zaha Hadid's design allows a view through the bridge

both designs showed "verve and confidence . . . we found it impossible to choose between two designs utterly different from each other".

The public is being urged to vote for a preferred bridge. Ballot papers will be available at Living Bridges, an exhibition which opens at the Royal Academy in London tomorrow.

'Mr Gummer said that both designs would be self-financing. He expected the bridge, which will be subject to the views of local authorities, to be constructed before the decade ends. Five developers are vying to build the winner The traqi-born Ms Hadid. who attracted controversy with her proposals for Cardiff Bay Opera House, has designed a cantilevered bridge built from concrete, steel and glass. It would be open in the

M Grumbach has proposed a suspension bridge built partly from stone. It includes a twin tower on the north bank for offices and a hotel. The closing date for votes is De-

middle with artists' studios.

shops, restaurants, offices and

homes at each end.

# Housing plan that has spanned the centuries

By MARCUS BINNEY

MORE than a hundred inhabited bridges were built in Europe from the Middle Ages to the 18th century. Only ten

are still standing.
The longest, at 926ft, was
Old London Bridge across the
Thames, begun in 1176 and lined with houses to provide revenue for its upkeep. In 1593 it was "adorned with sumptuous buildings; inhabited by wealthy citizens and furnished with all manner of trades". A bridge at Newcastle upon Tyne, with four-storey houses on both sides, was destroyed by floods

in 1771. In China, Marco Polo found that roofed bridges lined with marble pillars were often the main gathering places in cities. He described a bridge in Chengtu, the

capital of Szechuen, as covered "with neat apartments and shops".

Covered bridges were often lucrative. A royal decree of 1141 obliged all the moneychangers in Paris to use the Pont au Change, while in Florence, in 1593, the Grand Duke decreed that the butchers and grocers on the Ponte Vecchio should be replaced by jewellers. The Rialto Bridge in Venice had three walkways and four rows of shops.

Inhabited bridges went out of fashion in the 17th and 18th centuries when they were considered unhygienic and a preference developed for open

views along rivers.

The last inhabited bridge built in Britain is held to be Robert Adams's Pulteney Bridge in Bath of 1770.

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TWO waitresses who became the butt of racist jokes by the comedian Bernard Manning called yesterday for a change in the law to prevent similar incidents. Freda Burton, 25, and Sonia Rhule, 32, won their claim against their employers, the Pennine Hotel in Derby, for failing to protect them from racism.

Asked how jokes such as Mr Manning's could be outlawed. Ms Burton said: When a person telling it can clearly see a person is being upset by it, this should be stopped." She told BBC Radio 5 Live: "Now I hope they will think twice about hiring someone like Bernard Manning, because at the end of the day it's not him who will get the blame. As we all can see he has got off scot free. It's going to be the employers."

The two waitresses lost their first case at a Nottingham industrial tribunal but that ruling was overturned on

Monday by the employment appeals tribunal, which ruled that they had been subjected to a "horrible experience".

what they think of us?"

After the comic's act ended the women had been racially abused by some of the audi ence, which included solicitors and managing directors. Ms Burton attacked their behaviour, saying: "These are people that we go to every day and there they are laughing at us behind closed doors. Is this

# Insulted waitresses speak out £3,000 for doctor bullied by women

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

A MALE doctor who was bullied by women staff on his hospital ward was awarded £3,300 compensation yesterday for sex discrimination.

Michael Fish, a trainee anaesthetist at Airedale General Hospital in Keighley. west Yorkshire, was one of only a few men working on the ward. He said Janet Baker and Deborah Shaw, consultant anaesthetists, often swore at him and humiliated him in front of junior doctors as he did his rounds, and tried to prevent him getting another job. Dr Fish, 29.

from Kelso, Borders, worked as a senior house officer at the hospital from February 1995 to January 1996 but said there was a conspiracy between female medical staff to keep men doctors off the ward

where he was based. Dr Baker and Dr Shaw, he said, had made it difficult for him to get another job when his two six-month contracts ended, even telephoning potential employers and telling other consultants not to give him a reference. Dr Fish also alleged that Elizabeth Jones, a deputy personnel director, altered holiday figures so it appeared he had taken more time off than

he actually had. The tribunal awarded Dr Fish £3,310 for breach of contract, injury to feeling and loss of earnings caused by sex discrimination.

Speaking after the hearing, Dr Fish said: "I am disappointed it came to this, but I am happy justice has been done. Now, after my victory, hopefully no more junior male doctors will be subjected to discrimination by senior members of

Airedale hospital had claimed that Dr Fish had poor communication skills and denied discrimination. Afterwards it said: "We will review our procedures."

# Breath of hope at last for asthmatics

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week in the latest results from research by Birmingham doctors who are co-operating with the Royal College of General Practitioners to study the pattern of the disease in the

The Royal College's survey, which is likely to represent accurately the situation throughout Britain, shows that for the first time for many years the number of acute asthma attacks fell by almost 20 per cent in 1995.

This encouraging trend, reported in the newspaper General Practitioner, seems to be continuing in 1996 and there have been other reports that suggest that at last the death rate from asthma is beginning to fall. The number of acute attacks of asthma in 1995 was not even greatly affected by the **MEDICAL BRIEFING** 

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

two minor outbreaks of flu last

planations for a decline in the death rate from asthma, and of acute asthmatic attacks. Either the doctors previously over-diagnosed acute asthma or, what is more likely, the determined campaign to improve the prophylactic treatment of asthma so that severe attacks are avoided is beginning to pay dividends.

There are two possible exattacks of acute asthma and their cycle.

Recent research, in this instance reported in the British

Medical Journal and the American Archive of Internal Medicine, has investigated the relationship between a woman's menstrual history and the likelihood that she will suffer asthma. The research from Philadelphia confirms what many GPs have always suspected, that in women there is a clearly defined link between

Nearly half the women who were seen as emergencies in selected hospitals in the Penn-

attacks either in the premenstrual phase or while menstruating. The time they are least likely to suffer severe asthma is just after they have ovulated. between the nineteenth and

twenty-fifth day of their cycle. Another piece of good news for asthma patients is that a panel of chest physicians who are particularly interested in the disease have analysed the death certificates and the cirasthmatic patients. Although the patients had asthma, the physicians felt that when the cases were considered carefully there were many cases in which asthma frequently did not deserve to be included on the death certificate as a contributory cause of death. whereas few doctors missed including it when it was a relevant factor.

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# **GPs** and dentists 'turning away most expensive patients'

striking patients off their lists applicants because they are too expensive to treat, the National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux said

A patient who required weekly hospital treatment was struck off after the GP said that the hospital bill was too large. In another case a smoker with chest pains was told to find another GP.

In its annual report, published today, the association says it has received an increasing number of complaints from people who could not find a doctor or dentist to accept them. "We've had a fair number of cases reported from bureaux of doctors pruning their lists. In one case a GP removed dozens of patients," a spokeswoman said.

Although they don't need to give an explanation when they remove someone, it looks sus-

reasons when it ties in with the patient needing more expenacute situation. If it were simply a matter of workload it is difficult to see why they would remove people rather than closing their lists to new

More than half the popula-tion is cared for by fund-holding GPs, introduced under the NHS reforms in 1991, who have their own budget for hospital care of patients. Health economists predicted that the scheme would lead to "cream skimming with GPs favouring the healthiest patients in order to keep their costs down. Nonfundholders have no financial incentive to turn away expensive patients because hospital costs are paid by the health

authority. The association said the shortage of NHS dentists was acute in many areas, with complaints highest in southwest England. "It is extremely difficult for many people to get an NHS dentist, especially in rural areas. It seems to be not taking new NHS patients," the spokeswoman said.

The British Medical Association said a survey of 1,200 GPs in Scotland had found four who admitted striking off patients whose drugs were too costly. Brian Goss, a GP negotiator, said: The number ought to be zero. Doctors are there to be the patient's advocate and it is for the Government and health authorities to

provide the necessary funds." The British Dental Association said: "We are calling on the Government to increase funding for NHS demistry as a matter of urgency."

in total, more than five million people consulted the 727 citizens' advice bureaux in England, Wales and Northern Ireland last year. Most had problems concerning benefits and debt, housing, employment and legal matters.



Oramo: said to be an astonishing conducting talent

# Little-known Finin to take over baton from Rattle

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A FINNISH conductor who is virtually unknown in Brit-Rattle as principal conductor and artistic adviser of the City of Birmingham Symphony

Sakari Oramo, 31, who began his career as a violinist and who has been a professional conductor for only four years, takes over in Septem-ber 1998 when Sir Simon's contract expires. Sir Simon. who announced his resignation in February, will work as

guest conductor.
Mr Oramo joins an orchestra whose past masters have included Sir Adrian Boult. His appointment came as a ete surprise to the

Insiders suggested that Sir Simon was regarded as such a hard act to follow that other conductors had been wary of taking on the post. Some had expected the appointment to go to Daniel Harding, a ng conductor whose talent has been noted by Sir Simon.

However, those who have seen Mr Oramo in action sing praises. When he conducted the Scottish Chamber Or-



Rattle: to step down from his

chestra earlier this year, one, and critic described him as "yet another astonishing Finnish conducting talent".

Edward Smith, chief executive of the CBSO, said: "Daniel Harding is not even 21 yet and we are continuing to work with him. Sakari was the ideal candidate. He made his first visit to us in May 1995, which made such a big impression that we got him back in July this year.

"It confirmed to the orchestra and management, that he possibly go for. It was unani-mous. He has an extraordinary sense of communication, both to the musicians playing

post in two years to the audience." Mr o lives in Bremen. Oram my, where his wife, the Genza o Anu Komsi, is consoprar to the Bremen Opera 198. He studied violin until 19 ibelius Academy, Helat the S. aking his professional sinki. m ng debut with the conducti Radio Symphony Or-Finnish l t a few hours' notice chestra a ry 1993, when the in Janua conductor fell ill. scheduled He was

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BSc course in mechanical University, a national award for best manufacturing project and the regional award for the most enterprising student in a scheme run by Shell.

She came up with her idea while spending eight weeks with Eaton, the gearbox manufacturers, in Newton Aycliffe,

ton, Co Durham, said: "I'm glad my suggestion could help Eaton to save money and I really enjoyed my time there. It was great to win a prize as

Steve Rose, Eaton's managing director, said: "Janice's project will save us a considerable amount of money and we are delighted with her. It involved looking at a subassembly line. As a result we have made a £32,000 invest-ment to save £80,000 every 12

By PAUL WILKINSON

A STUDENT on work experience with an engineering firm saved the company £80,000 a year by spotting a way of

The suggestion also won Miss Vickers, 20, who is on a engineering at Birmingham

Co Durham, working on a project to make production more efficient.

#### Nur sing faces 'age timebo omb'

AN "age timel of nurses by cause a shortage ( the turn of the c entury, the Royal College o. One in five claimed yesterday. nurses is aged ove more than a quarte eligible for retirer ment by 2000, the college said

A survey, conducte ally for the RCN Institute of Empl Studies, says recruitm student nurses has fal 39 per cent since 19 Increases in nurse tra vining places announced in Jun not boost numbers unti next century.

Christine Hancock, k general secretary, said: "W Vith far too few students and 1 a steadily ageing workforce. are running out of time to de with the problem. This ex dence shows that the shortag of registered nurses will read The Government must act nationally to deal with the

approaching crisis." The survey forms part of the college's evidence to the pay review body which is calling for a national pay rise to bring nurses into line with

comparable groups.

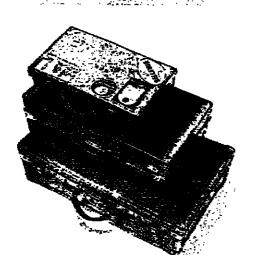
The Health Department dismissed the warnings. A spokeswoman said: "The pay review body considered all the evidence and concluded there was no widespread

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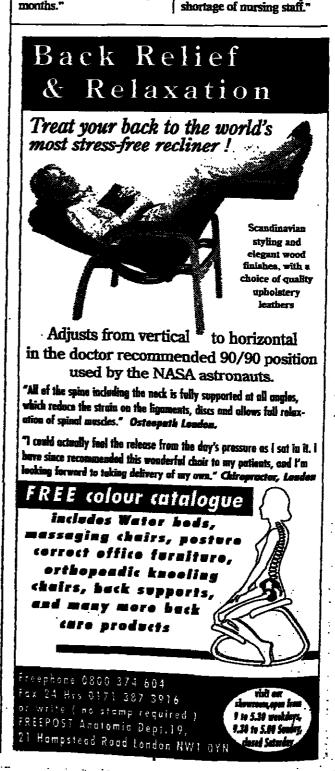
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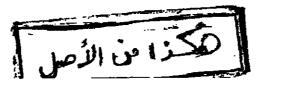
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# . Ashdown offers to put a backbone into 'timid' Labour

**POLITICAL EDITOR** 

PADDY ASHDOWN called on Britain yesterday to elect a substantial force of Liberal Democrat MPs to the next Parliament, enabling the par-ty to put the backbone into a Labour government with radical policies on welfare, educa-

Mr Ashdown said the Liberal Democrats would help the British people to "find the hero inside themselves" and turn the country into a "more prosperous nation with a more generous heart. He claimed that his party could prompt a Renaissance in Britain and help to turn it into the world's "number one learning

In his speech to the party conference, he presented the Liberal Democrats as the conscience of "timid" Labour, urging his activists to seize the chance to exercise power at the national level by wielding influence on the next government. He portrayed himself as the strongest leader in Britain, laying claim to the mantle of patriotism, quoting Churchill favourably and suggesting that the country had not had a

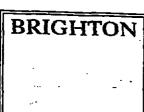
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tough leader since his days. Although he stopped short of saying it, Mr Ashdown expects there to be a Blair-led government that will need cooperation and support from the Liberal Democrats if it is to fulfil Mr Blair's boast of changing Britain. He therefore used his speech to set out the distinctive values and policies of his party, inviting the



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merits and to give it a victory for principle and persistence after years of commitment and endeavour.

His message, repeated several times, was that with a strong Liberal Democrat representation in the next Parliament. Britain would face up to the challenges confronting it. Without such a strong force, the challenges would still be ducked. Although Mr Ashdown re-

served his fiercest words for the Tories, calling them the party of debt and devaluation. attacking their "false patriorism" and accusing them of starting the election in the gutter and using fear as their only weapon, he reflected the doubts in his party about Labour. The one antidote to fear was hope, but Labour had chosen timidity. Far from suggesting that he would need to control Labour excesses, Mr Ashdown saw his role as spurring it on to greater radicalism.

My fear is this: that we shall see an election and

change of direction." Ensuring that that did not happen was "the first crucial role of this party". Leadership, he said, was about bringing out the best in others. He committed his party to

the following policies, implying that they would be his goals from co-operation with Labour:

🗆 An extra 😢 billion a year spending on education to reverse the Tory cuts, paid for if necessary by an extra penny on income tax. ☐ A comprehensive review of

the welfare system, with the Liberal Democrats trying to force a new consensus between the parties for reform. ☐ Raising the top rate of tax to 50 per cent for carnings over £100,000, freeing 750,000 people from tax altogether.

Employing 3,000 more police and forming a crimefighting plan for every community, bringing schools and

businesses, parents and police, probation services and youth workers together. ☐ A war on bureaucracy in the health service and the restoration of free eye and dental check ups. ☐ Tough targets on pollution,

a new quality of life index, helping the last government of this century to be the greenest. ☐ A fairer voting system, Bill of Rights, Freedom of Information Act, a Scottish parliamation Act, a secondary ment and Welsh assembly. All these changes, Mr Ashdown said, could be

achieved only if the Liberal Democrats were strong in the next Parliament. Enlarging on his leadership



Paddy Ashdown and his wife Jane after his speech to the conference yesterday power, they would scaremon-

ger about the break-up of the

theme, he said the country that Churchill led was not miraculously converted from indifference to valour: the qualities were already there. The same was true today: "There is purpose, determination, talent, principle and an impatience to get things done hidden, untapped in our country." He added: "This country is not the mean, unselfish, uncompassionate nation the Tories have tried to make us these last 17 years."
As the Tories tried to cling to

United Kingdom, bluster about the threat of Europe. wrap themselves shamelessly in the flag and claim for themselves a monopoly of patriotism. "But theirs is a false patrio-

tism," he said. A true patriot would not have applauded Michael Portillo's "grubby attempt to conscript our armed forces into a Tory Party

Highlighting his own back-

ground, he declared: "I count myself to be a patriot. I have served this country as a soldier. I have represented it

abroad as a diplomat. I love it and I am proud of it. But the battles we must fight for our country in the next century are different to the battles we have fought in this one - and, as a country, we have just got to stop wallowing in the past, in

past glories, past conflicts and Leading article, page 17

candidate for Orpington, Kent, told how he had tried to bring a mail-order replica machinegun into the conference centre. He had intended to produce the gun, bought for £135 through a magazine advertisement, to illustrate how easily they could be Chris White, parliamentary candi-date for Hitchin and Harpenden. at the conference, consulted police

# Success will be measured in next year's clout

hen Paddy Ash-down said yesterday that he wanted to help people to "find the hero inside themselves", he might have had Kenneth Clarke in mind. After all, the increasingly outspoken Mr Clarke is dominating the conference season, and the calculations of other politicians. The Tories' battles over Europe - for once a military metaphor is appropriate - could have a crucial bearing on the political relignment that Mr Ashdown, and Tony Blair, are

Liberal Democrats are always predicting the splintering of the political system. For once, this may not be so farfetched. Mr Blair talks of going beyond a tribal view to create a centre-left progressive alliance. Mr Ashdown has said he has more in common with Mr Clarke than the Chancellor has with Michael Portillo, and with Mr Blair than the Labour leader has with Dennis Skinner. The Tory cracks are visible. The party hierarchy may be playing down criticism of Mr Clarke, but his remarks clearly breached collective

The attempt by the sceptics and their press allies to force Mr Clarke out of office will probably fail, however annoyed John Major may be. Last night's unconvincing Downing Street statement was intended to defuse the crisis. But as Mr Ashdown warned, the stakes are high. Mr Clarke's resignation, possibly accompanied by other ministers, could be a terminal blow to the crediblity of the Government. The resulting turmoil in financial markets might produce just the sharp rise in interest rates which Mr Clarke is trying to avoid. The sceptics are deluding themselves if they think that get-ting rid of him will improve the Tories' election chances. Whatever happens in the short term, the pro-Europeans appear a beleaguered faction. Some of Mr Clarke's allies are already looking beyond the

cross-party co-operation. Mr Ashdown's hopes for the Liberal Democrats depend on such fluidity in the centre of politics. There will be no deals or pacts. All options

election to the possibility of

#### RIDDELL **ON POLITICS**

will be left open. His conference speech yesterday, his best in his eight years as leader, was intended to put his party in a position to work with a Blair government. This involves a twin-track approach of establishing a distinctive identity for the party to attract voters while not operation. His theme was that the more Liberal Democrat MPs there are after the election, the more chance there will be of a real change of direction on education, the environment and constitutional reform. He depicted the Liberal Democrats as bold and candid while Labour is cautious and evasive. Of course, it is always easier for a party which is not aspiring to form a government to take righteous claims that the parwill ensure that great issues are faced, not fudged' can become tedious after a few days. But his speech worked in boosting the spirits of Liberal activists and in conveying an impression of self-confidence and harmony.

🧻 ince 1988, Mr Ashdown has skilfully rebuilt his party from the shambles of the merger and gradually steered it towards a realistic political strategy. Being a think-tank is not enough. He wants a share of power and policymaking, to change Britain. "Putting that first and taking risks to achieve it is how we have won our great success in local government. And in the short time ahead we will have to show the single-mindedness and courage to do that at national level, too." In other words, don't be too pure and party chauvinist. For Mr Ashdown, success will be whether, at next year's conference, he can claim an influence over central government. if not a formal share of power. Such hopes have often been disappointed in the past, but the renewed Tory infighting suggests that old party demar-

PETER RIDDELL



Maines: gun stunt ruled out by police

#### Activists back tighter controls on handguns against civil liberties. To shouts of

By ALICE THOMSON

THE Liberal Democrats called for tough new gun controls yesterday and sought to shake off their image as the party that is soft on crime.

The party conference voted in favour of restricting handguns, other than those for professional use, to singleshot weapons for target shooting. Such guns would also have to be kept at a registered club. The representatives also called for stalking to be made a

firearms to be banned, and air weapons to be licensed.

However, the debates were acrimonious with many older Liberal Democrats keen to preserve civil liberties. The conference was split over a proposed ban on all handguns except those for professional use. The old Liberals blocked the proposal by only nine votes. In a rare recorded vote, 357 representatives voted for a ban, but 366 voted for the single-shot restriction.
Paul Weller, from Chesham and Amersham, said that proposals went

shame, he said of the Dunblane school shooting: "I don't believe . . . that we should be in effect grave-robbing those children for votes. That is the sort of politics of Michael Howard and Jack Straw." He added: "I don't like the gun lobby and find them offensive. But, having said that, I am also a Liberal and there is liberty involved here."

condemned the speech as shameful. "Playing with guns is not something insisted that he hand in the gun.

that is safe for the user or the rest of society," he said. Chris Maines, the parliamentary

about his planned stunt and they

#### Nicholson wins applause EMMA NICHOLSON, ad- cy" dominated a Tory party in which senior ministers had become semi-detached.

dressing her first conference after defecting from the Tories, drew rapturous applause with an assault on her former colleagues (Arthur Leathley

The MP for Devon West and Torridge said that John Major had been "beached by his own timidity" as the "rabid anti-European tenden-

She also said: "If evidence were ever needed of the state of decay into which the Tory party has sunk, the long march of the Right provides plenty of it. The Tories lost the capacity to listen to the electorate at all years ago and the electorate knows it."

#### Labour's home rule 'farce' attacked

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

LABOUR'S recent changes on plans for a Scottish parliament are making a farce of its devolution policy, the confer-

ence was told. Jim Wallace, the leader of the Scottish Liberal Democrats, condemned Labour's decision to hold a referendum on devolution despite being advised against this by members of both parties in the Scottish

"In a few weeks of political mismanagement. Labour brought joy to the opponents of home rule, lost a summer's opportunity of positive cam-paigning and showed that, in the midst of all the talk of new Labour and the new pluralism, the quick-fix of old Labour was alive and well and able to find houseroom in Islington, Summer has rolled on and the shambles of their referendum ploy has at times degenerated into farce."

He said that the Liberal Democrats were committed to reinvigorating democracy by decentralising power throughout the UK.

#### Unanimous backing for monarchy reforms

REFORMS that would limit the power of the monarchy were backed by the confer-

ence yesterday.
The Liberal Democrats unanimously approved plans to remove the Queen's right to choose the Prime Minister in the event of a hung Parliament, to approve treaties without Parliament's agreement and to set the date of an election.

Although the proposed reforms are largely symbolic. party leaders see them as an important step in bringing fundamental change to some of Britain's oldest institutions. They also say that the unanimous approval will help to increase the momentum of

talks on constitutional change being held with Labour. Other changes passed include plans to reform Parliament and the electoral system. The party wants the House of Lords to be cut from 1,200 peers to 300, and the Commons cut from 651 MPs to about 450. MPs would be elected by proportional representation for a fixed period of

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# Fear and pointless wars tear Pakistan apart

AS IT approaches its fiftieth anniversary, Pakistan is torn by crises of morality, religion, politics and war. It is bleeding to death on the streets of Karachi, the financial capital. It pursues a doomed battle in Kashmir. It persists with the world's stupidest war at nearly 20,000ft on the Siachen

glacier in the Himalayas.

Even its Islamic identity, one of two principal unifying forces in a multilingual, multicultural country, is degraded by conflict between Sunnis and Shias. Murdering each other at prayer is a measure of how menacing the religious divide is, destroying any sense of nationhood and purpose. Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, admitted in so many words that religious killings were threatening the country's survival.

The other unifying force is a hatred of India. But two generations after partition there is no grassroots hatred: there is only a false fear. India has neither territorial designs nor aggressive intent. As a matter of policy it uses restrained language towards Pakistan, realising that harsh

For most Pakistanis, India is no longer a 'bogey man', Christopher Thomas writes. The nation's own decay is the shadow over its imminent 50th birthday

rhetoric plays into Islamabad's hands. The Indian bogey is losing the power to frighten, and thus to unite. India has offered to pull back from Siachen: Pakistan

back from Slactien: Pakistan snubbed it. It has offered to open cross-border trade: Pakistan has not replied. India is ready for bilateral talks on Kashmir: Pakistan declined. The Pakistani establishment is determined to keep relations hostile; without it the point of Pakistan would come into question.

The lie that Kashmiri Muslims, with their unique Sufi traditions, want to join Pakistan from a sense of Islamic brotherhood has justified 49 years of cross-border bloodshed that have achieved nothing—least of all the gratitude of Kashmiris, who have died in their thousands in the naive belief that Pakistan would

extricate them from India.
Kashmiris are sick of being Pakistani pawns: hating India does not translate into fondness for Pakistan, despite Pakistani propaganda. This truth is filtering back to grassroots Pakistanis.

America is secretly pushing Pakistan to open direct talks with India on Kashmir. Delhi has privately agreed, so long as the talks are bilateral with no intermediaries. Frank Wisner, the US Ambassador to India, told army officers in Rawalpindi that Pakistan should accept certain "realities" — in other words, there is no prospect of India abandoning the Kashmir Valley. Delhi is willing to declare the boundary in Kashmir an interna-

tional border.

Pakistan's curse is that India assumed all its history in 1947. The young country has

no past: it began life without institutions, without a democratic structure, without any sense of itself beyond separateness from India. The military has ultimately held it together, and the army is still the most powerful force for stability—and the only one not disintegrating. The courts are corrupt, the police venal, the politicians rotten. That is why Pakistan has been under military rule half its life.

There is a repugnance over dictatorship among the new generation of generals, and they are doing everything to allow democracy its head. But there may be a limit to how much Pakistan can take of its politicians. An increasingly assertive President Leghari. who took office in 1993 after Benazir Bhutto returned to power, has dusted off a rarely used provision enabling him to order a parliamentary investigation into corruption. His intervention reflects his. and the military's, alarm at the accelerating decay of

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Murtaza Bhutto's daughter Fatima, 14, right, and his widow, Ghinwa, mourn for him at their home in Larkana, Pakistan. Bhutto, the estranged brother of Benazir Bhutto, the Prime Minister, was killed with six

other men during a gunfight

#### Alert over Punjab riots

between his bodyguards and police last week (Zahad Hussain writes). Security forces across the country have been put on

clashes between Shia and Sunni Muslims from spreading. More than 100 religious extremists were arrested yesterday. On Monday, 23 worshippers were killed and and 50 others wounded in an attack on a Sunni mosque in Multan. The killing sparked off widespread violence in the city and other towns in the Punjab, as angry crowds attacked the Shia religious buildings.

Zaire and Rwanda in border

FROM SAM KILEY IN NAIROBI

clashes

RELIEF agencies yesterday evacuated staff from the border between Zaire and Rwanda after artillery and machinegun exchanges between the two countries' forces raised fears that war could break out in the region.

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The Rwandan Government said yesterday that its troops had engaged the Zairean Army in eight hours of heavy gunfire across the border for the second night in a row on Monday. Later an independent radio station said that both sides had agreed to a

Emmanuel Ndahiro, adviser to Major-General Paul Kagame, the Rwandan Vice-President and Defence Minister, accused the Zaireans of opening fire first with anti-aircraft guns and rifles.

"We are checking for casualties. The truth is that they fired first. We opened fire in response," he said.

Three foreign workers with the Red Cross were evacuated yesterday while plans were under way to get about 40 Germans, as well as non-essential staff with the United Nations, out of the area.

Other foreigners contacted

Other foreigners contacted in Bukavu, the Zairean border town, said that the hills around had been heavily bombarded from the Rwandan side while they had also seen explosions inside Rwanda, but there were no authoritative reports of casualties.

The conflict has its roots in the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Hutu extremists fled to Zaire as Tutsi rebels advanced and since then have been using the country as a base from which to attack Rwanda's Tutsi-dominated regime.

Genocide trial: Human

Genocide trial: Human rights groups have asked the UN to include rape among the charges against Rwandans accused of organising the country's 1994 genocide, after investigating numerous cases of systematic sexual abuse that have left 5,000 "children"

Jean-Paul Akayesu, a Mayor in Taba commune in central Rwanda, is due to stand trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda this week. He is accused of crimes against humanity and genocide, but the Washington-based Human Rights Watch-Africa and other organisations have alleged that he helped to organise the rape of Tutsi women by Hutu men.



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Sting: his music must pass "purity test"

#### Sting to give a concert in Vietnam

FROM KEVIN BUBEL IN HANOI

STING-is to give a concert in will not be singing Russians. Under regulations introduced earlier this year by the Communist Government to contain what it calls "social evils", or foreign cultural influences that it deems harmful, all musicians wishing to perform anywhere in Vietnam require a permit saying that their lyrics have passed a "purity test". Words to Sting's songs, in English with a Vietnamese translation, were submitted to the Ministry of Culture and Information for

scrutiny months ago.

"In this country the Government is not familiar with international music and is concerned how their people might be influenced, so they have been slow in wanting it to come in," said Larry Hurwitz. Sting's manager, in Ho Chi Minh City.

Minh City.

Misunderstanding of the use of modern phrases, even among the most savvy English speakers in Vietnam, can lead to confusion and offence. "I think Russians [in which Sting asks if they love their children] was written with heartfelt intent for all peoples, don't you?" Mr Hurwitz said.

To save jeopardising the performance. Mr Hurwitz said the song was not submitted on the playlist to Vietnamese officials. Sting's will be the first major rock production in Vietnam since the war ended 21 years ago.

2l years ago.
Top ticket prices for the 4,000-seat concert in Ho Chi Minh City on October 16 is about £30. But there will be no problem selling them.
They will be bought by a

They will be bought by a fast-rising new breed of wealthy young people who have shrugged off the dark days of collectivism.

#### British surgeon denies manslaughter of three

FROM REUTER IN WELLINGTON

A BRITISH heart surgeon pleaded not guilty in a Wellington court to three charges of manslaughter when his trial opened yesterday.

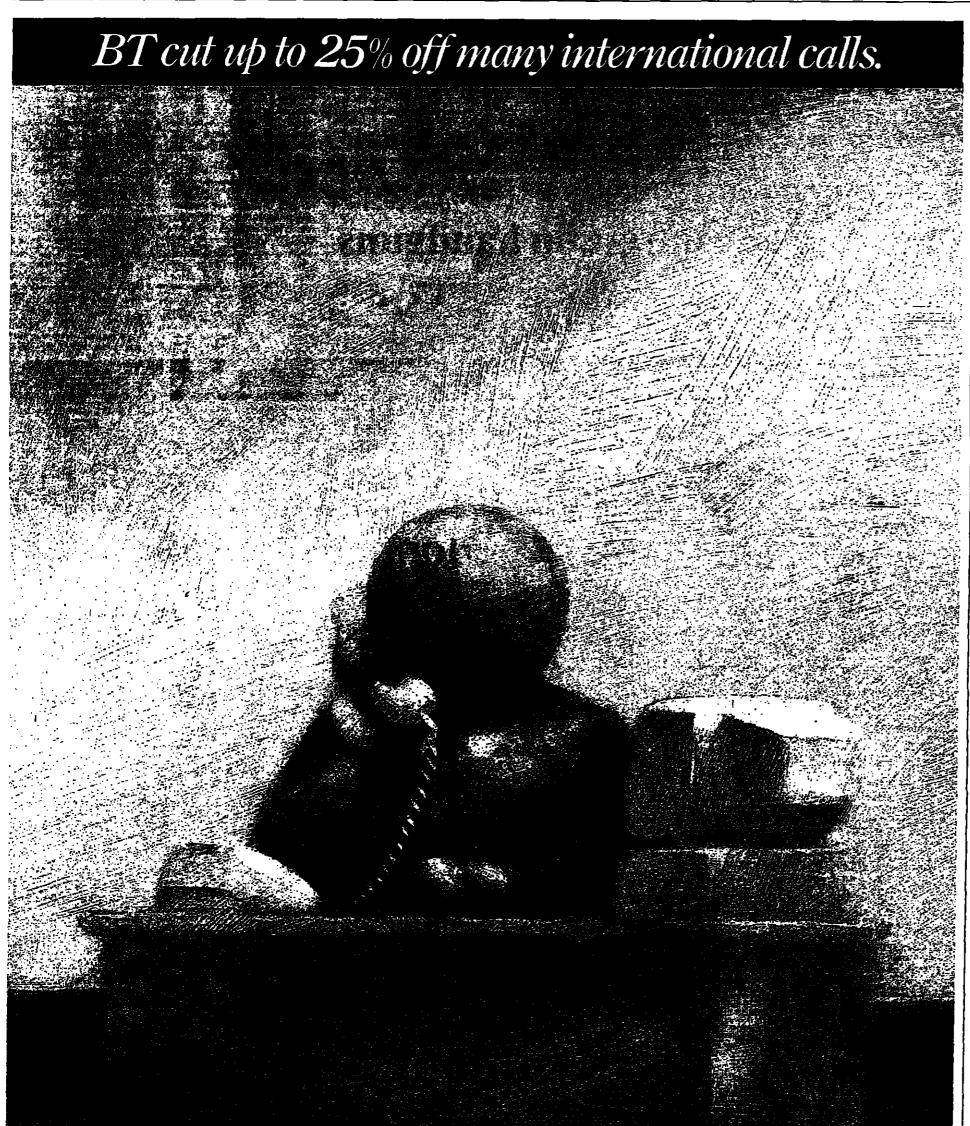
Keith Ramstead, 44, is

charged with causing the deaths of three patients he operated on when working in a Christchurch hospital in 1991 and 1992, and with falsifying their death certificates. The Liverpool doctor returned to New Zealand after a 2½-year extradition hattle.

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The charges allege that Mr

Ramstead caused the deaths of an elderly woman and two men by failing to use reasonable knowledge, skill and care in surgical treatment. Dressed in a dark suit and looking pale, the surgeon pleaded not guilty to all charges.

The trial was transferred from Christchurch to Wellington at Mr Ramstead's request. The deaths occurred for December 1991, and June and August 1992, on the operating table during surgery for



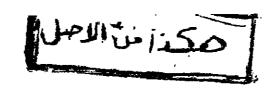
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# Draft by Mrs Clinton 'misled bank officials'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

AS A LAWYER in Arkansas, Hillary Clinton drafted a document that was used to deceive bank inspectors and divert a payment of \$300,000 (£193.000) to one of her partner's relations, according to a federal report made public

The account is the latest twist in the tortuous money trail involving the failed Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan institution in Little Rock in the 1980s, as well as property dealings that allegedly benefited insiders, ultimately at taxpayers' expense.

The report makes no direct allegations of criminal wrongdoing against Mrs Clinton and does not reach a conclusion about what she knew. She has said under oath that she cannot recall her involvement in the episode. Nor does the report recommend a course of action, although the dealings are being investigated by Kenneth Starr, the Whitewater special prosecutor.

In a television interview, President Clinton said he believes that Mr Starr, a Republican, is out to "get" him and Mrs Clinton. "Isn't it obvious?" he asked. Voicing extraordinary criticism of the

prosecutor, the President said there is a lot of evidence" to support Susan McDougal's claim that Mr Starr is trying to force her to provide damaging evidence against the Clintons, even if false. Mrs McDougal is in prison for contempt of court for refusing to co-operate with Mr Starr. She and her former husband. James, former owners of Madison and the Clintons' part-

ners in the Whitewater land deal, were convicted of fraud. Yesterday's report was prepared at the urging of Republicans on the Senate Whitewater



Starr: fiercely criticised

committee who hoped to embarrass Mrs Clinton and the President in the weeks before the election. However, the disclosures seem unlikely to affect Mr Clinton's re-election chances, given his big lead over Bob Dole in the polls and the fact that voters are victims of "Whitewater burnout". The story is too complex for readers and viewers to follow and

denouements before. The report was prepared by the Inspector-General at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, a government agency that insures bank deposits and enforces banking laws. The findings were based in part on Mrs Clinton's records at her law firm, which had been missing until found in the White House private quarters this year.

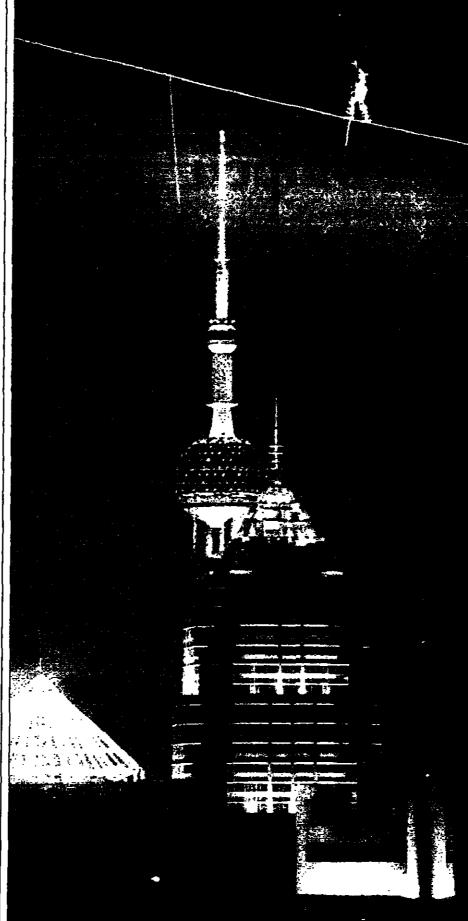
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The documents refer to her legal work for Madison with Webster Hubbell, a law partner who came to Washington with the Clintons as an Assistant Attorney-General but who is now in prison for fraud. The account alleges that Madison, too low on funds to invest directly in a large land project, arranged instead for Seth Ward, Mr Hubbell's father-inlaw, to be a "straw buyer", a purchaser in name only, for which he was a paid commission of \$300,000.

The report said: "Madison used a document drafted by Mrs Clinton to deceive federal nature of the payments to Ward," The document was an option by Madison to purchase a parcel of land from Mr Ward for \$400,000, more than double its appraisal value. The report said it made Madison's payments to Mr Ward

look like a loan. The method of paying commission evaded regulations designed to protect the soundness of Madison, the report said. It also noted that in 1988 before a legal action by Mr Ward against Madison, Mrs Clinton ordered the destruction of all her files related to the transaction, including one

labelled "Ward option" David Kendall, Mrs Clinton's lawyer, said that the report "does not allege that Mrs Clinton did anything wrong or had any knowledge of any illegal intention with respect to the option, if there was such an intention, in the two hours of work she did on it over ten years ago".



A spotlight picks out tightrope walker Jay Cochrane as he edges across the 650ft gulf between two Shanghai skyscrapers, using only a balancing pole. Several thousand people paid to see the Canadian, who took 15 minutes to complete the stunt

#### Restorers 'harming' frescoes by Giotto

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

AN ARRAY of art lovers including Lord Menuhin, the violinist, Danny DeVito, the actor, and Sir Ernst Combrich, the art historian, yesterday predicted that an Italian government restoration programme could damage the

Giotto frescoes in Padua. The group demanded a temporary halt to the work on the early 14th-century frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel, which depict biblical scenes and are considered to be of immense artistic value.

Six hundred petitions from around the world were delivered to Italian government representatives in New York. The campaign was organised by the Manhattan-based ArtWatch International, which wants to halt the ex-

cesses of art restoration. The Italian Government has provided El.9 million for work on the frescoes, which Giotto painted in 1305.

James Beck, of New York's Columbia University and president of ArtWatch, said: It is essential for the world to have a say in this work. The art world is in the hands of a few people who think that they are the only ones to have influence over art restoration. It is like leaving matters of pollution to be decided by the oil companies."

Professor Beck found that there was "knee-deep" water in the crypt while on a recent visit to the chapel. The flooding was apparently caused by a rise in water levels after nearby trees were cut down. He claimed that nothing was being done about the water except some rudimentary draining dangerously close to

At the same time, he said, the Italian authorities were planning an elaborate and unsightly humidity control system at the entrance to the chapel. The work, he said, was experimental, and possibly dangerous to the frescoes.

The ArtWatch campaign has backing from a wide range of celebrities and its petition has been signed by academics from numerous international institutions, including the Royal Academy and the Royal Society of Portrait Painters.

# Nuclear powers sign pact to outlaw test explosions

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE world's five declared nuclear powers and dozens of other nations yesterday signed an historic treaty that will effectively end the Cold War era of nuclear testing.

Britain joined the United

States, Russia, China and France in signing the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty outlawing all explosive nuclear tests after half a century in which more than 2,000 have been performed.

After putting his signature to the text, President Clinton told the United Nations General Assembly that the treaty was the "longest-sought, hardest-fought prize in arms control history"

The signatures of the world's declared nuclear powers along with those of the vast majority of its nations will immediately create an international norm against nuclear testing — even before the treaty formally enters into force." he said.

In order to come into effect, the treaty requires the signature of all 44 nations with a nuclear power industry. Dozens signed yesterday, but it may still never come into formal legal force because of the opposition of India, one of three so-called "threshold thought to have Ban Treaty. nuclear weapons capability.

Insisting that it would preserve its own "nuclear option" until the declared nuclear powers had disarmed, India has vowed not to sign what it described as a flawed treaty. Pakistan, also a "threshold state", reacted by saying that it

**6** This is the longest-sought, hardest-fought prize in the history of arms control **9** 

would not sign either until India agreed to do so.

The comprehensive test ban is the culmination of negotiations which began with the conclusion of the Limited Test Ban Treaty in 1963, banning nuclear test explosions in the atmosphere, underwater or in outer space. Tests continued underground but restrictions were placed on their size in

1974 by the Threshold Test Negotiations on the compre-

hensive ban began in Geneva at the UN Conference on Disarmament in 1994, although both France and China continued testing. When India blocked the necessary consensus in the Geneva talks, Australia led a successful diplomatic campaign to open the treaty for signature anyway. Legal argument continues

over whether countries which sign and ratify the treaty are bound by its terms under international law even before it comes into full legal effect with 44 signatories. British officials yesterday avoided answering whether Britain now considered itself barred from further test explosions.

Arms control advocates cautioned that hydro-dynamic. sub-critical and other nuclear tests could continue and said the nuclear powers had developed means to test by comput-

In his address, President Clinton called for ratification of the Chemical Weapons Convention by the Republican-controlled US Senate and for a global ban on antipersonnel land-mines.

#### Rifkind in asylum ban plea

New York: Britain called yesterday for a United Nations declaration barring political asylum for terrorists Uames

Bone writes). Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, told the Gener-al Assembly that terrorists should not be able to benefit from the provisions of the 1951 UN Convention on Refugees to secure political asylum. Britain plans to push for a declaration by the assembly by the end of the year, and can count on support from the European Union and the G7

leading industrialised nations. British officials say the declaration would prevent terrorists from using refugee laws to seek sanctuary in Britain. It might also apply to wanted IRA men who have obtained political asylum in the United

"People who do these evil things and who seek asylum under the UN refugee convention do not deserve to benefit from it," Mr Rifkind said.

In his speech, the Foreign Secretary emphasised Britain's commitment to the goal of global free trade by 2020 and said all governments should liberalise their economies and lift trading restrictions.

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President Clinton and Dr Boutros Ghali at the UN

# President tables a snub to UN leader

By James Bone

PRESIDENT CLINTON delivered a diplomatic snub vesterday to Boutros Boutros Ghali, the man he is seeking to remove as UN Secretary General.

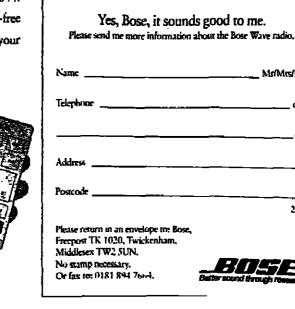
Although Mr Clinton exchanged a cordial handshake with the smiling Dr Boutros Ghali on arriving at UN headquarters, he rejected the customary invitation for lunch and tried to have cameras banned from their short tete-à-tete. The President's handlers relented only when a UN spokeswoman threatened to announce publicly why no

television pictures of the encounter were available. Before leaving Washington, the President and his officials had reiterated that Washington would use its

ond five-year term, so that all eyes at the UN headquarters were on the two men when they met. Last year, during the UN's

fiftieth anniversary celebrations, Mr Clinton accepted the invitation to lunch and gave a toast praising Dr Boutros Ghali. Then, when America announced its opposition to Dr Boutros Ghali's second term, a UN spokesman dug out the toast from the files and used it against the Clinton Administration's contention that the UN chief was tardy on reform. In the end, UN television

showed Mr Clinton sitting next to Dr Boutros Ghali yesterday, but with little evident appetite for conversation. UN sources said the two dis-



Neglect, vandalism and corruption threaten ancient town with modern-day destruction

# Rescue cry goes up as tourist tide swamps Pompeii

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

LEADING British and Italian archaeologists said yesterday that Pompeii, "the symbol of European archaeology", was in an accelerating state of deterioration because of neglect, vandalism and corruption, and outlined an urgent plan to save it.

"Pompeii is dying," said Walter Mazzitti, president of the Archaeological Club of Italy. Pompeii could no longer withstand the "deadly pressure" of 11 million tourists a year crowding through its ancient streets, touching crumbling stone walls, frescoes and mosaics, and vandalising treasures.

Andrew Wallace-Hadrill. director of the British School in Rome and a key figure in the campaign to save Pompeii. said the problems were partly due to "the culture of corruption" in southern Italy. The international restoration drive is being co-ordinated by Piero

Guzzo, the new Superintendent at Pompeii, whose predecessor, Baldassare Conticello, is awaiting trial for alleged corruption after scandals over missing funds.

"We are waiting to see whether the new left-wing Government of Professor Romano Prodi will be able to break the culture of corruption," Professor Wallace-Hadrill said. "Corruption makes it difficult to run a multimillion-dollar project."

A new plan to restore key

sections of Pompeli in a more rational way is being drawn up by a committee from the British School in Rome, Reading University and the Pompeli Superintendent's Office.
Only some mosaics are protected behind perspex and the famous Cave Canem (Beware of the Dog) mosaic at the House of the Tragic Poet has been fenced off.

Professor Wallace-Hadrill

said some damage was done by schoolchildren. "Fifty or 60 coachloads arrive at a time and empty out on to the site. The children rush around tearing the site to pieces," he said. "This is one of the plagues of Italy - instead of learning how to respect their patrimony, children are left to romp all over it like a

playground." Professor Mazzitti said people "trample on the mosaics and deface the plaster". He declared: "Pompeii cannot much longer withstand 30,000 visitors a day storming en masse through the site."

A former Greek colony, Pompeii became a wealthy Roman trading town in 200 BC, famous for its fish sauce as well as its patrician villas. It was destroyed in AD 79 when Mount Vesuvius erupted, covering it in hot ash and pumice. Two thousand people died of asphyxiation. Pompeii lay



A young tourist in the ruins of Pompeii, which are under "deadly pressure" from 11 million visitors a year. One option is to make part of it like Disneyland

buried for nearly 1,700 years, with only the tops of houses and columns visible, until the 18th century, when archaeologists began to uncover nearperfect streets, houses and

Entrance tickets bring in £7 million a year, but barely half is ploughed back for restoration and maintenance. Walter Veltroni, the young ex-Communist Deputy Prime Minis-

preserved bodies.

ter, who also holds the cultural affairs portfolio, has vowed to release more funds, provided they are properly targeted.

Professor Mazzitti said Pompeii was so neglected it had become open to stray dogs, vandals and "night predators such as prostitutes". There was a lamentable lack of planning in the government-funded restoration programme. "One day one

building is restored, then another. There is no logic." He called on the Government to invest at least £1 billion instead of the £200 million He said the solution might

earmarked for Pompeii so far. Professor Wallace-Hadrill said that eight blocks of ancient houses had been "thoroughly and expensively restored" after the 1980 earthquake in the area, with new roofs and lintels made from the same materials that the Romans had used. But ten times as much remained to be

be to put selected exhibits on show and rebury the rest. We need restoration which allows the public to get a vivid impression of what the remains were originally like. But this covers the evidence in modern masonry. So we also need to 'wrap up' or rebury whole sections in lapilli — that is, volcanic material - to

generations." Professor Wallace-Hadrill suggested that to meet the demands of the tens of thousands who sweep through Pompeii every day — "at times, more people than actually inhabited the place" — the authorities might construct an archaeological Disneyland along the lines of colonial Williamsburg in America.

"Instead of taking the most beautiful houses and encouraging tourists to pass through them, as at present, we could select the most neglected part. ruined by two centuries of exposure and neglect, and reconstruct a 'slice of Roman life' where people dressed in togas served drinks behind the bars, told people about the life of a slave, and so on." Profes-

sor Wallace-Hadrill said. "That might deflect tourists from passing through and gradually destroying the most precious parts of the site."

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He said the success of Signor Guzzo's call for international efforts to save Pompeii would depend on a convincing restoration plan.

There is a lot of Japanese interest in Pompeii which could be harnessed. But nobody wants to out their money into a black hole. They want to be reassured that their money is being spent effectively."

#### **Tunnel** to Jerusalem holy site sparks riot

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER

HUNDREDS of stone-throwing Palestinians rioted here yesterday as Israel touched a raw nerve in the Arab-Jewish dispute by opening a new entrance to a tunnel beside the Temple Mount, site of Islam's third-holiest shrine.

Last night, the 22-member Arab League warned Israel that the work at the site, also known as Haram al-Sharif. would "stir the feelings of Muslims all over the world" and lead to an "angry popular confrontation". The League said it would be appealing to the United Nations, the European Union and America and Russia, co-sponsors of the peace process, to have the

work halted. The task of completing the tunnel, begun 12 years ago but shelved because of previous violent protests, was achieved under cover of darkness and heavy guard. It was approved by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister, and watched by Ehud Olmert, the rightwing Mayor of Jerusalem.

Although only 500 yards in length, the tunnel crosses what has for years been a flashpoint in the battle for control of Jerusalem. When news of the completion spread, Palestinian mobs attacked Israeli patrols and set a lorry on fire off Salah-a-Din Street, the main commercial

thoroughfare.

The work opens a second exit from the Via Dolorosa. the route Jesus is believed to have taken to the Crucifixion, to an existing tunnel begin-ning at the Wailing Wall, the holiest site for Jews. Arabs allege that it breaches the sanctity of the Temple Mount, which contains the al-Aqsa

mosque. Yassir Arafat, President of the Palestinian Authority, said: "This is a big crime against our religion and holy places. This is an Israeli madness to change the fea-tures of Jerusalem."

But Mr Netanyahu was praised by right-wing sup-porters for undertaking a task avoided by previous prime Mr Olmert said the mess-

ige was simple: "Hey guys, we are not playing games. Not everything that happens here will be subject to negotiations because we are the sovereigns of the city."

Israel claimed that the opening to the existing tunnel

would give tourists easier access to archaeological sites beneath the Wailing Wall Any digging close to the Temple Mount evokes fury among Palestinians suspicious that Israel is trying to undermine Muslim sites.



#### New arrest in Belgian scandal

was arrested yesterday on charges of involvement in Belgium's paedophile murder scandal as rival police forces blamed each other for failing to halt the crimes of Marc Dutroux, a confessed kidnapper (Charles Bremner writes). Marleen De Cockere, 40.

who was charged with criminal association and drug trafficking, is a former companion of Jean-Michel Nihoul, a Brussels businessman. He is one of 12 people who have been charged with offences related to the deaths and torture of young girls.

#### Rushdie fatwa pledge by Iran

Tehran: Iran pledged for the first time in writing that it would not "send any commandos" to seek out and kill the British author Salman Rushdie, but it insisted that a religious decree or fatwa condemning him to death for alleged blasphemy was irrev-ocable. The commitment came amid hopes that Iran and the European Union were near a settlement of the Rushdie affair, which has strained ties for the past seven years. (AFP)

#### Graf's father loses bail plea

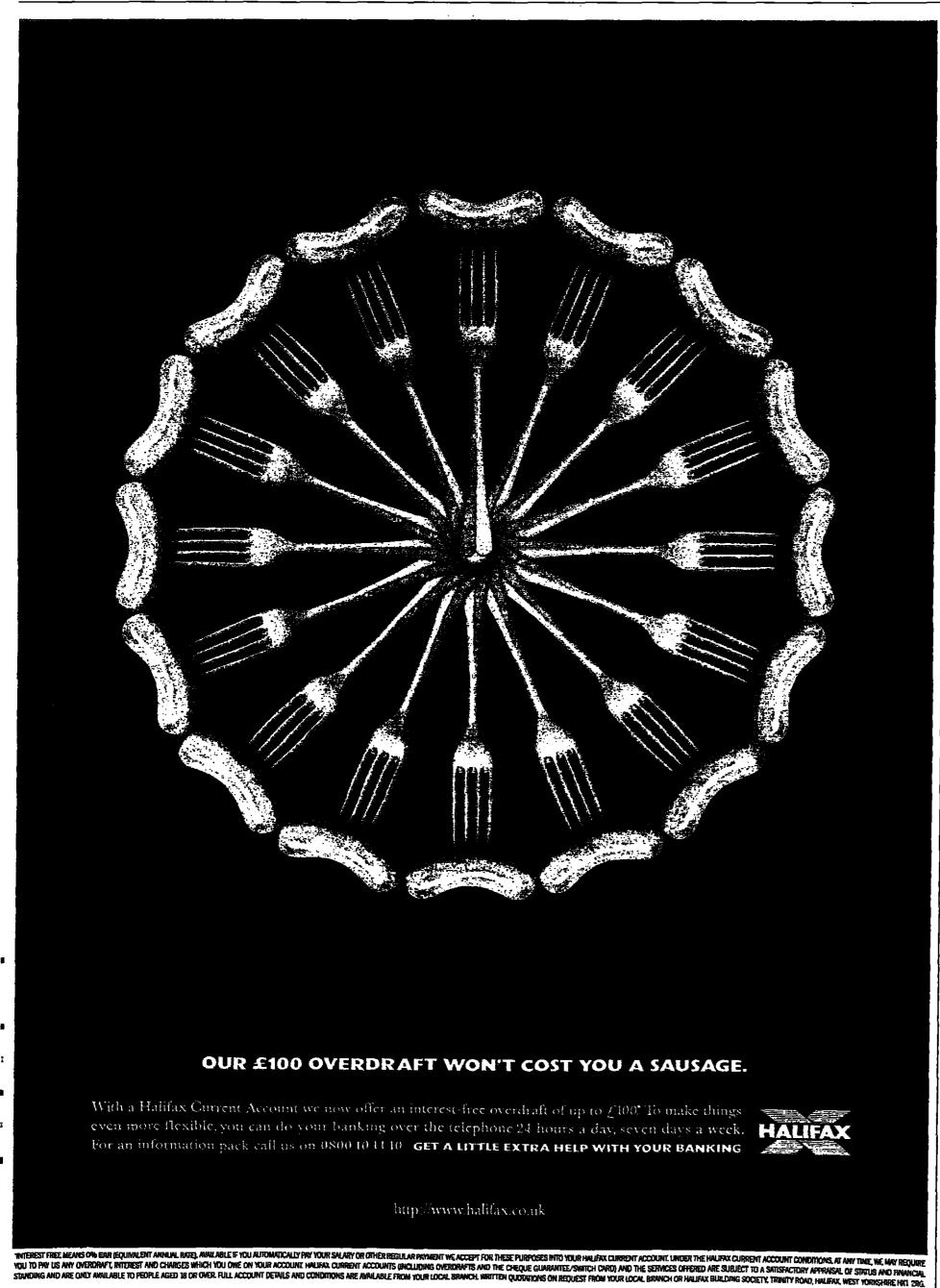
Mannheim: A German court ruled that Peter Graf, 58, the father of the tennis star Steffi Graf, must stay in jail while he turning a ruling that would have allowed him to be freed on bail of £1,280,000. The High Court in Karlsruhe said there was still a danger that Mr Graf, 58, and the family tax adviser, Joachim Eckardt, might flee, (Reuter)

#### New Okinawa rape charge

Tokyo: Weeks after Okinaagainst the huge US military presence, an American sol-dier, Staff Sergeant Michael Owens, is under investigation for allegedly raping a Japa-Kadena Air Base said. A preliminary hearing is to be held on Friday. (AP)

#### Green-light area

Taipei: Taiwan police said they had cut off water and power from 188 sex parlours here in the past week, forcing them to close, and promised to close the remaining 103 by the



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# Nato anxious to learn strategy of Lebed-backed defence chief

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By MICHAEL EVANS DÉFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO defence ministers get their first chance today to appraise General Igor Rodionov, their Russian counterpart appointed after the sacking of Pavel Grachev in July. The general, 59, with a reputation as a conservative and strictly military defence minister, will be at an informal meeting of alliance defence ministers at Ber-

The meeting's timing is fortuitous because of the serious doubts emerging about the ailing President Yeltsin's ability to continue as Russian leader. General Rodionov is a close ally of General Aleksandr Lebed, the Russian security chief. who is seen as a possible successor to Mr Yeltsin.

Although General Rodionov is not a political animal, his appoint-ment as Defence Minister was engineered largely by General Lebed and the two share views about the need for military reforms and more discipline both in the armed forces and in Russia itself. Nato's defence ministers will

learn today whether General Rodionov also shares General Lebed's hawkish stance against the alliance's plans to expand its membership to include countries from the former Warsaw Pact. In an interview in The Daily Telegraph yesterday. General Lebed said Moscow would hit back at German and American industrial interests in Russia if the expansion plans

empire in the East. Yevgeni Primakov, the Russian Foreign Minister, said last week

went ahead. He even suggested

Germany was trying to build a new

that the stationing of Nato troops and weapons closer to Russia's borders would be unacceptable.

General Rodionov comes to Bergen with an uncompromising past. In April 1968 he was commander when Russian troops used poison gas and sharpened spades against unarmed Georgian demonstrators in Tbilisi. Twenty people died. He headed the General Staff's

prestigious academy before taking over from General Grachev and is widely respected in the army. General Lebed has described him as a professional of a high standard, "an elite general who combines practical and theoretical skills".

Tomorrow General Rodionov is expected to sign an agreement with America and Norway dealing jointly with nuclear and other waste stored or dumped in the Arctic by

the former Soviet Union. Norway has been pressing for an greement in an effort to get international action over radioactive waste around Russia's Kola peninsula, the main base for its nuclear submarine force.

The Kola bases now represent an environmental rather than a military threat, and cleaning up radioactive pollution there has be-come a key issue in Norwegian foreign policy.

The agreement will also deal with the dumping at sea of whole nuclear reactors during the Communist era.

☐ Moscow: General Lebed yesterday denied that he had given the interview to The Daily Telegraph in which he was said to have attacked Germany and America (Richard Beeston writes). Yesterday, however, the newspaper stood

# Yeltsin's hospital no fit shelter for the squeamish

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin would be well advised to keep his eyes firmly shut as he approaches the sprawling and dilapidated hospital outside Moscow where he is due to undergo multiple bypass

Although the Cardiology Research Centre is usually described as "elite" by those who have never been there, one recent visitor remarked, only half in jest, that its appearance could be enough to give you a heart attack.

Yesterday, for instance, even the bright autumnal sunshine could not lift the gloomy atmosphere at the huge complex, built as a monument to Soviet medical achievement but now epitomising the neglected state of Russia's health care.

Like some prehistoric beast dying on its feet and shedding limbs on the way, some of the hospital's far-flung buildings have been abandoned by staff and left to the elements. Outside the hospital, stray dogs scavenge for food, abandoned cars lie rusting near the car park, and wild vegetation has colonised whole areas of the grounds, including the

pavements. Inside, the scene is little better. Long, draughty corridors are unheated and dimly lit, while staff seem mainly engaged in smoking cigarettes

and chatting. Russia's medical authorities insist that the hospital is staffed by world-class physicians offering an effective, nofrills service on a par with the West. Certainly the gleaming operating theatre, where chief surgeon Renat Akchurin is scheduled to conduct the openheart operation on President Yeltsin, appears to an untrained eye to have the latest

European equipment. Dr Akchurin, who trained in America with the pioneering heart surgeon Michael DeBakey, carries out about 150 bypass operations a year with a 98 per cent success rate, similar to that found in the West. Among his more famous patients were Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, and Oleg Lobov, the former National Security Adviser, who were instrumental persuading President

Yeltsin to have surgery.
In spite of the impressive Russia's oldest

# book stolen

Moscow: Russia's oldest printed book, which dates back more than four centuries, has been stolen, as have 50 other precious volumes from the state historical library here, Tass said yesterday. Apostle, an illustrated religious work, was

statistics, doctors at the hospital say privately that the who can afford it, should go abroad. Russia's health care system has virtually collapsed since the end of Communism, and the life expectancy of men is now 57, a fall of six years since 1991.

Aside from basic problems such as poor surroundings and questionable hygiene, the Russians simply lack the breadth of experience of other nations. When it comes to heart bypass surgery, for instance, 3,000 operations were performed in the country last ar compared with about half a million in America.

When Sergei Kovalyev, the leading human rights campaigner, decided to have the same operation as President Yeltsin, he was advised by the same Kremlin doctors to go abroad, an option not available to the Russian leader because of national pride.

Part of the problem is low morale. Senior physicians earn on average about £100 a month and are forced to supplement their income through private practice. Many of the most talented doctors simply emigrate.

The situation is so bad that two reporters being taken on a guided tour of the facility this month had their purses stolen the first book printed on in the very changing room the country's first press, owned by Ivan Fyodorov, fore operating on the Russian



Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, gives President Yeltsin flowers during their meeting at the Central Clinical Hospital yesterday

## Doctors will tell Yeltsin their surgery verdict today

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL

IN MOSCOW BORIS YELTSIN'S doctors

meet today to tell the Russian President if and when he should have heart surgery. The doctors will meet in the Central Clinical Hospital, the old Politburo clinic, where Mr Yeltsin is having treatment, to consult with him directly

The American heart surgeon Michael DeBakey, 88, will be present to give his "second opinion" on the need for an operation.

No time has been set for any announcement and there are more questions than answers on the subject. Sergei Yastrzhembsky. Mr Yeltsin's press secretary, refused to comment yesterday on the possibility that the operation might have

to be cancelled altogether, saying: "I am not a doctor." He also advised reporters "not to hurry" with the hypothesis that the President might have to resign on health grounds. Mr Yastrzhembsky denied a

report that Mr Yeltsin was able to work only 15 minutes a day. He said that the President had met Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Prime Minister, for "more than 30 minutes", his third such meeting in eight days. He worked every day for between half an hour and two and a half hours and worked through a "swollen file" of

between 20 and 70 documents. Moscow is full of rumours that the President's condition. is worse than is being admitted in public and that he has complications with his liver. and kidneys. That appears to

be the reason why the opera-

tentatively scheduled for November, not the end of this month as first planned.

Hans Borst, a German heart surgeon attending a conference on cardiovascular surgery which opened in Moscow yesterday, even suggested that if "additional complications" cropped up Mr Yeltsin might

# Gainsbourg the exhibitionist to star in his daughter's museum

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE demure French actress Charlotte Gainsbourg, who stars in the latest version of Jane Eyre released this week, is planning to open a Paris museum in memory of her late father, Serge, the dissolute

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Miss Gainsbourg, 25, whose mother is Jane Birkin, the English actress, recently bought the house on the Left Bank where her father died in 1991 after a life dedicated to alcohol, cigarettes, music, women and scandalising his straight-laced compatriots. The wall in front of the building on the Rue Verneuil in the Latin Quarter is festooned with graffiti left by the singer's fans, and Miss Gainsbourg now intends to turn it into a shrine to her father's music and peculiar brand of public misbehaviour. Preparing for the opening of

Franco Zeffirelli's new film on Friday, Miss Gainsbourg emphasised that her own temperament is closer to that of Jane Eyre than Jane Birkin. I'm very different from them, but I'm still proud of my upbringing," Miss Gainsbourg said. "I went to my first Miss Gainsbourg said. Exhibnightclub at the age of two. My parents belonged to

another era." The house where Gainsbourg and Miss Birkin threw their legendary parties cannot hold more than 100 people at a time, and entry to the future Serge Gainbourg museum is likely to be by appointment,

its are expected to include her father's trademark pinstripe suits and tennis shoes, as well as the remnants of his wine cellar and his extensive collection of ashtrays.

Gainsbourg was seldom sober and never seen without a Gauloise stuck to his lip, characteristics which led to



Serge Gainsbourg with his actress daughter Charlotte

several heart attacks, a liver preration and his death at the age of 62. In 1969 Gainsbourg and Miss Birkin gained massive fame and condemnation with Je TAime (Moi Non Plus), a pseudo-coital heavybreathing exercise, set to a string accompaniment, which was attacked by the Vatican, banned by the BBC and immediately shot to number

one in the British charts. Although now cast in a more staid role, when Charlotte Gainsbourg was 12 she collaborated with her father on another throaty and dubious duet entitled Lemon Zest. a oun on the word incest, and then a film directly adressing that subject, Charlotte Forever, in which she and her father end up in bed together.

"It was big scandal at the time, but I didn't care what people thought," Miss Gainsbourg said.

Her life is far different from that of her father. She assiduously steers clear of scandal and lives a quiet life in the Paris flat off the Champs Elysées she shares with Yvan Attal, her actor boyfriend.

## **Former French minister** 'plotted to kill writer'

BY BEN MACINTYRE

A FRENCH writer said yesterday that Roland Dumas, the former Socialist minister who is now president of the Constitutional Council, plotted to have him killed in 1984 because he knew too much about the late President Mitterrand's administration. "I accuse Roland Dumas of

having wanted to kill me," Jean-Edern Hallier said at a press conference yesterday to launch a book containing the allegations. It is called Les Puissances du Mai (The Powers of Evil).

A lawyer acting for M Dumas said that the former Foreign Affairs Minister would not respond directly to the accusations. "M Hallier is

evidence of the alleged plot to kill him, but said yesterday: "I have proof." The flamboyant writer has waged a long and bitter battle against Mitterrand, once a close friend, dating back to 1982 when he wrote a book, L'Honneur Perdu de François Mitterrand (The Lost Honour of François Mitterrand), revealing the existence of Mitterrand's illegitimate daughter and his wartime role as an official of the collaborationist Vichy Gov-

M Hallier has offered no

That book was rejected by 17 publishers and M Hallier says that his telephone and those of his friends were





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# The return of the English dandy

have made his name in the archetypal scruffs' film, Withnail and I, but to Mulberry he represents "English style with a bohemian twist".

The traditional British design company has chosen him. along with Bob Geldof, another sometime scruff, to star in their latest advertising campaign. Both Grant and Geldof appear as latter-day Beau Brummells, modelling the new Guinea Collection, a range of made-to-measure suits.

But this is bespoke tailoring with an edge. There are 65 cloths to choose from, including plaids and velvets. Flamboyant colours can be used for the linings. Quirky details can be added such as button flies, ticket pockets, pleats, structured lapels and workable button cuffs.

Mulberry is not striking out alone. Dandyism is back for men, and with it made-to-measure tailoring. Even Marks & Spencer, spiritual home of the off-the-peg suit. has introduced a made-to-measure service at a City of London branch.

This revival has been given a huge boost by the film industry. Tom Cruise wore suits by Timothy Everest, a new wave London tailor, in Mission Impossible. Afterwards he ordered several for himself. Now Grant is filming a British movie. Food For Love, and has had three Mulberry suits made for it.

Of course, we expect careful styling on the film set. But can "real" men afford to be seen trying too hard with their wardrobes? After all, what we're talking about here is narcissism with a capital N: long fitting sessions, almost obsessive attention to detail, and plenty of looking in the mirror.

n the other hand, there's something rather special about clothes that fit and don't come apart at the cleaners'. Eight measurements are taken - natural waist, halfback, waist, sleeve length, height. chest, jacket length and seat.

The clothes are not handstitched, but features associated with bespoke tailoring have been incorporated. There is an extended front canvas area, blindstitched on to the cloth to create a lapel roll. The jacket also brings the shoulders forward.

engineering feat, and is not for those who like instant gratification. After the initial fitting, the suit will take eight weeks. The cost will be anything from £695 to £950.

If this sounds steep, then bear in mind that Beau Brummell, the most famously elegant Englishman, was driven to France by debt. ● The Guinea Collection is available from Mulberry, 41-42 New Bond St, London. Tel 0171-491 3900.

> GRACE BRADBERRY STYLE EDITOR



Bohemian twist: Richard E. Grant wears a made-to-measure suit from Mulberry's Guinea Collection

# Where all the dangly earrings gone?

big pair of earrings — the sort that could catch on doors, or block a sink in an emergency?

The chances are that it was a long time ago. In fact, it's probably quite a while since you noticed anything in fashion magazines that was larger than a small diamond stud.

Over the past year earrings have all but vanished. Even in Hello!, once the spiritual home of large ruby clusters, you'd be hard pressed to find a really dangly pair. Kate Moss. Naomi Camp-bell, Julia Carling, and glitzy Tamara Beckwith, all favour bare ears, or discreet diamond studs.

"It's all to do with minimalism and a reaction against the Eighties," says Vivienne Becker, jewellery editor of Harpers & Queen. "It's also part of the Seventies revival when jewellery became very simple."

The trend suits British women, particularly those who spend their we have never felt terribly at ease



Naomi Campbell favours tiny earrings: Demi Moore doesn't

with chandeliers hanging from our ears. "But earrings are getting bigger again," says Ms Becker. One reason for this is that flash

is back. Designers are becoming excited about gold - gold chainmail dresses, gold sig-net rings at Gucci, gold

Until now, ears have escaped the Midas touch, but already there are signs of change. Demi Moore. until now a devotee of tiny studs, has been seen out in a pair of Elsa Peretti mesh earrings from Tiffany & Co. This month's Vogue trumpets "the clean contours of simple

jewellery", and features gold drop earrings from Cobra & Bellamy. So why did they disappear in the first place? Minimalism and androgyny were the key trends that shrank them. After all, whoever saw Annie Lennox in a pair of dangly diamantés?

Caroline Charles is one of the designers who has been steering women away from large earrings. "As clothes became increasingly streamlined, it became evident that earrings should reduce to small

studs at most to keep the balance," she ex-Flash is plains. Both Tom Ford at Gucci and Karl back with Lagerfeld at Chanei have turned their moda revival of els into virtual pinheads. Anything more than a stud earning has Seventies to be chosen with extreme care. style

But change is in the air. Theo Fennell, who standards is associated with larger jewellery, is enthusi-

astic. "There's been a huge swing back to big jewellery with all the baroque clothes, the velvet and the rich fabrics," he says. "Women can wear much bigger earrings than they ever believe they can," he adds darkly.

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# A Ferrari in the bath

got in the bath with my Ferrari this morning. And as I lay there, I leafed through the PR burnf that had come with it.

"Its invincible grandeur is due to its bright red colour and to the proud cavailing standing out on the bonnet... its forelegs stretched out towards the sky, the hind ones well anchored to the ground as if dream and realism could live

together." Poetry for the common man, indeed. For Ferrari have shifted down a gear and skidded nervily on to the uncertain road of personal grooming. As I lathered myself with their pink, jam-like, shower gel -- standing

flakey-walled bathroom, hunched to avoid banging my head on the sloping roof. getting tangled in the underwear dangling from the washing line, I thought: "Who are they trying to

Towelled down, I grasped the round end of the thick six-inch Ferrari deodorant can, which shone on the cistern in the angry red livery so familiar to the traffic wardens of St John's Wood. Sweet as the viscous gick inside a cherry liqueur chocolate, it was a far cry

from the musky tones of my preferred tommy by Tommy Hilliger. (Bill Clinton's fave, don't you know, rather than the shabby aspiration of every downtrodden

cap reveals a close link with the

bagel-salesman.) The real shocker was the eau de aging, shiny crimson with famous

toilette. The bright aluminium racing car world," claims Ferrari.



The link presumably being that they use it to clean crusty spark plugs. The last time I put anything like that near my face was a particularly ferocious acne lotion which left holes in your face if used

with inadequate caution. This stuff has one use, and one use only. Like all those dinky models of Testarossas, it is for the impecunious girlfriend to wrap up at Christmas and say, as she hands it to her Loaded-reading, soapdodging boyfriend, "I know how

much you wanted a Ferrari... Chortle, chortle, chortle.

The products themselves are various mid-priced manifestations of an unastonishing pong (aftershave £19.50, deodorant £10, shower gel E10 - exclusive at, have a guess, yup, Harrods). The pack-

logo, is aspirational. At least, it thinks it is. What it is. in truth, is miserably defeatist. For no Ferrari driver would ever wear this stuff. It bespeaks the pa<u>-1</u>

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smelling, they claim, like a "universal personality".

It is supposed to be all things to all men; in reality, it is nothing to anybody, and an unwelcome distraction to a declining racing team. Muse on the fact that despite having, in Michael Schumacher, the best driver in the world, Ferrari has as much chance of winning the Formula One championship this season as Giorgio Armani.

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#### A little band of metal that says everything

SHORT of retreating to the Amish community for the past two years, it has been impossible to avoid the influence of Gucci. Tom Ford. its designer, has single handedly

created a culture of "must-haves" and style wannabees have been joining waiting lists to secure his white bootcut trousers, slim-fitting shirts, and black pony-skin ankie-strap shoes. But even with these items,

of "the look" is still missing: the gold signet ring worn on the little finger.
At Gucci catwalk shows,

both male and female models

wore the ring. Among the cognoscenti, the ring is the

Fenwicks's gilt ring

to pick up your other worldly possessions. If a little economy is needed, there is an alternative. Fenwicks, rather similar gilt squish swirl ring for half the price — £28.95 (0171-629 9161).

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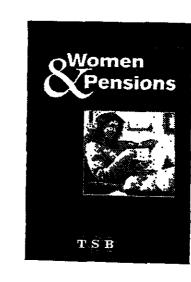
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# Don't be fooled by family values

A murder within one of the great political dynasties may be terrible - but it is not so very different from the kind of row we all know too well

Dity poor Benazir Bhutto that she is Pakistani. I say that not in a spirit of political incorrectness, for in the greater scheme of things being Pakistani is no lesser an estate than any other, but in one of rank ethnocentricity: in the West that country's vilest events make only Page 17 or so of the papers: some papers yesterday didn't even get round to reporting the murder of her brother and rival Murtaza. In the story of his death

and in the rumours which are, apparently, flying round Karachi, are resonances of some of the great political deaths, with dynastic echoes which stretch back centuries. There are the Caesars — Murtaza surely understood the reference when he described his sister as "a viper in the bosom" - and the fratricidal Borgias and the politicalself-destructive Kennedys.

Change geography and gender and Benazir's husband is transformed into a Hillary Clinton, perceived by a weary electorate as scheming, corrupt and manipulative.

But that is the problem with political dynasties: the grand term stops you seeing them as families, stops you interpreting the killing and the plotting as ordinary familial events. Well, perhaps not so ordinary, but fuelled by the same ordinary family motivations.

To be honest, the goingson chez Bhutto do say more about political life in that neck of the woods rather than familial life globally. but there is still a sense in which the feuds, schisms and altercations of the great dynasties are not so very different from the rows and intermittent non-speaks of less illustrious families. the ramifications might be greater with the Bhuttos and the Borgias is undoubtedly true, but a

Disharmony in the home is a human constant — as. indeed, the Scriptures show but every generation tends to put a new spin on the oldest story. The modern sensibility tends towards inverted snobbery and this explains our hunger for stories that prove that the more illustrious the family.

the more dysfunctional. We seek corroboration for this in the behaviour of our home-grown princes and princesses and in the ersatz royalty — the Kennedys, the

other countries. Contemporary wisdom holds that the ordinary is superior to the elite and we need to feel that the better-off behave less

well than we do. But there's more to it than that. We do seem genuinely to regard the sporadic vi-ciousness of the family unit as strange, unnatural even. The great dynasties show the strength of family bonds: they represent the family as a force to be reckoned with. These days when our own sense of society and family is fragmenting, we see this only as



Nigella Lawson

a force for good. When every political party is waxing lyrical and hypocritical about home, hearth and socalled family values, it has become the norm for all of us to get a little sentimental about what those family values are.

s long as it has become a modern truism — as it has — that polite society has been eroded by one-parent families, gay rights activists and divorce, the notion that real, old-style families were full thank you, were full of people who even liked one another, becomes more entrenched.

No politician stands a chance unless he or she professes to "believe in the family". But this is meaningless. Believing in the family is like believing in trees rather than believing in God. It's how human beings naturally group themselves, how we procreate and survive.

What is more, any rival model to the family inevitably ends up by apeing its

Bhuttos, the Gandhis - of worst characteristics. The cliches are correct on this one blood is thicker than water. But the corollary to this is not all wonderful. The closer we feel to people, the more easily incensed by them we can be. The strength of the family can be extraordinarily powerful, but extraordinarily destruc-

I tend to appreciate a little more the traditional model of the family than once I used to (having children does tend to do that) but that should not mean that I thereby pledge myself to an idealised picture of the family as a morally positive place in which only sweetness and light reside.

If we're honest, we all know that the family gives rise to as many murderous thoughts as tender ones. The peculiar strength of the family in fact resides in just that. It is a dynamic entity, not a notional haven for those going down with a bad case of nostalgia.

Every belligerent thought aggressive impulse in the car or the supermarket or the boardroom, stems from the family and our experience of it. This isn't a bad thing or a good one: it just is. The more sociable aspects of our nature emanate no less from the same source. We may not be defined for all time by our own early experiences, but we are certainly shaped by them. And in some sense we never escape the nursery.

But none of this accords with the quite extraordinary sentimentalisation of the family that now exists. People bemoan the demise of the great extended family even if they never get round to visiting the one aunt they may have left. It's quite understandable of course: the idea of family can be so very heartening, and the reality so very gruelling. Also, if you like to think of families as being full of must be peculiarly galling to have to consider one's own.

All ages have their own political buzzwords. The ancients cited "justice", more recently we clung to "democracy": now we peddle endlessly the currency of "the family". Even those who should know better seem to believe that if the family is got right, all will come good. But the dysfunctional family is not some new-fangled modern abberration but merely a misnomer: it is how it's always worked; how, indeed, it functions.

#### Magnus Linklater reports back from cloud nine never-never (£1.3 million down Mr Lambarth pointed out the flight management system out that I might care to and £650,000 a month for "with approach capability" which means you are told

Does anybody really need a personal aircraft?

with a drinks cabinet; the kind that no self-respecting mediaperson with their eye on the global market should be consider various options, such as chartering a jet for occasional journeys at about £1,500 an hour sharing it with The Princess of Wales, I another company, buying a understand, has set her heart second-hand one, or even

Air Show to buy my very own personal jet. Noth-

ing fancy, you under-stand, just a little eight-seater

on one, and I do so agree with

Tina Brown, Editor of the New

Yorker, who was complaining

the other day to her husband

Harry Evans that she was sick

and tired of being the only

person at smart New York

dinner parties who still had to

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stretch limo with tinted win-

dows hisses through, bearing

a person in the back who is

equipping his desert kingdom

with a squadron of Tornados.

Eurofighter, which took off

with such a roar that I was

almost startled into bidding

for it. There was much talk

about the new Boeing 777. But really I had eyes for one

machine only. I made my way purposefully towards the Learjet 60, the last word in

business jets. They had put a

red carpet alongside it, with

chairs, and a table on which to write your cheque . . . but I am ahead of my story. You do not buy a Learjet just

like that. Not, that is, unless

you can afford £7 million

upfront and the £500,000 or so a year it will cost you to

service, fuel, and have your pilot on permanent standby. Don't worry, there are cheaper

ways of doing it, and we'll

ried one. It had begun for me

several months earlier when I

spotted an advertisement in

The Economist which simply

said "How to save money on

your long-distance calls". Above it was depicted a Learjet

60. Below it was a telephone

number — in Geneva, of

Trevor Lambarth, Learjet's

engaging sales director, was cordial but cautious. As I

explained my position, he wondered, in the most diplo-

matic manner possible. whether I actually needed one

of his aircraft. Had I checked

out the number of man-miles

covered by my business —

what is known in the trade as

my "total travel requirement"?

Was I quite certain that sched-

uled flights were not a viable

alternative (I shuddered); and

could I, he inquired in the

nicest possible way, actually

afford one? I pointed out with

some asperity that I was a

thriving communications

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going for a smaller model. He gave me some figures which suggested that the more business trips I took, the more a business aircraft made financial sense. "A company aircraft." he informed me, "is not an extravagance, but a valuable business tool which pays for itself."

I thought that, in my case at least, extravagance was a more persuasive reason than just acquiring a "business tool", but pressed on nevertheless. I wanted the full package - what, I asked, was the point having voitt own is it wasn't private? I was, I must admit, daunted to note that if I wanted to buy it on the

seven years), I would have to furnish intimate details of my tax situation and three years of audited accounts. I decided to bluff it out "Where can I have a test-drive?" I asked. "Farmborough\_"

nd so I found myself on the red carpet. where I was intro-Agostino from Learjet's home base of Wichita, Kansas, a true enthusiast if ever there was one, and a heck of salesman ("We'll get through this as fast as crap through a goose," he said). He sat me beside him in the cockpit and talked me through the Full Electronic Digital Control, which means. so far as I could tell, that it can

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emergency (the "heart attack routine," as Bob put it).
I nodded wisely through all this, but what I really needed to know was: how easy it was to get to the drinks cabinet. and whether the loo was finished in walnut veneer?

immediately where the nearest airfield is in case of an

(Answer: all 100 easy, and Yes). "In the end," said Bob, "it's often the lavatory that decides it. I spent three hours with a guy from Kansas talking safety and fuel consumption, and his wife walks into the john. sits down, and comes out two minutes later, saying We'll I saw her point, but first i

had to apply the Alan Clark test. Writing in *Punch* ne iaio down three conditions for a private jet: it must have room. it must have range and it must

have speed. He also added that it should have a couple of marble bathrooms and a backgammon room, but I decided that was just an ex-minister's

jeu d'esprit I stood upright in the cabin (just), walked up and down. lounged about on the leathercovered armchairs, had a relaxed sit in the loo, helped myself to a pretzel, flicked the video switch and murmured instructions to my pilot to roll forward and prepare for take-

Then, and only then, did I abandon the dream, to Bob's obvious disappointment. I reasoned that if even Diana. Princess of Wales, with her £15 million pay-off is wondering whether she can afford one. and if even Tina Brown is still having to slum it on Concorde. then Linklater Communications Inc might just find the Leariet a plane too far.

I tapped a few lightning figures into the digital computintercom. "Stop the plane." I sighed. "I want to get off."



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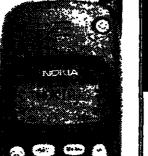
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#### ■ Breakfast at Hillary's: let me be your fly on the marmalade

t is a big day when a cliche is rewritten. It means not only that an apparently fundamental truth has been freshly perceived, but also that the world which had hitherto held that truth to be self-evident has itself been forever altered. That is why Tuesday was a very big day indeed. Up until Tuesday, we were all content to define courage as grace under pressure. Henceforth, we must all define it as Hillary under pressure. Because on Tuesday, Mrs Clinton had 125 people to breakfast.

I was not, of course, present: I am neither a top catwalk queen nor a reflexologist of the first water, my name is not a household word where international toiletries barons or bullion buffs forgather, the only newspapers I own are stored against the cat's incontinence, and I have borne the Prince of Wales no heirs. But an imagination requires no embossed stiffie to flash at Marine Corps bouncers, an imagination can get in any-where. That is why mine now yields to none in its boundless admiration for the First Lady's social bottle. For while dinner for 125 may be an elegant delight and luncheon for 125 a rollicking gas, what can breakfast for 125 be but an absolute nightmare? We all know breakfast.

It is the enormous East Scullery of the White House, and the world's leading newly woken are shuffling in, struggling to focus gummy eyes upon their placements before slumping at a dozen Formica-topped tables. each with a leg wonky enough to ensure the spillage of any crockery placed upon it. Many of these dawn invitees are yawning. some are scratching, several are coughing or bugling their noses into wrinkled hankies, a few are examining sleep-crust between thumb and forefinger, one or two are attempting to remove from their footwear the tragments of dogfood that the Clinton pets have scattered about the linoleum, and the rest are staring blearily at the newspa-pers propped against their ketchup bottles.

There is precious little conversation: from time to time, an extract of this news story or that is read out ineptly through a mouthful of Coco Pops, or a senior senator exchanges the previous night's prostate anecdotes with the ancient banker beside him, or a bestselling moral philosopher begins to describe to the major fashion editor opposite this funny dream he had where he was standing in a bucket and holding a hedgehog but loses the plot when she asks him if he can see any organic marmalade anywhere, or a distinguished Emeritus Professor of Aromatherapy passes his boiled egg across to a jolie laide Oscar nominee to ask if it smells funny to her, or a billionaire civil-rights lawyer launches into a long explanation about his shirtsleeve being wet as the result of his cufflink having rolled under the bidet, to say nothing of his having banged his head on the washbasin when he stood up, which accounts for the Band-Aid on his ear, does anyone else have those days when you know you should have stayed in bed, ha-ha, or a Supreme Court justice launches into an insensate outburst concerning the fact that he has just spent 20 minutes assembling the plastic Smurf that fell out of his cereal packet only to find that its left leg is missing - but do not look, at 7,30am, for the authoritative gossip, the unique insight, the brilliant aperçu, the immemorial epigram, the uproatious joke that could accompany 125 lunchtime crayfish or 125 evening grouse. for breakfast brains are never in shape to marshal such compexities, even if breakfast tongues were not too furry to articulate them. It is all they can do, when their minions gallop round to the White House with their mail, to cry "Will you look at this bloody phone bill!" or "Who do we know in Pangbourne? or instigate a really interesting debate on the proposition that it is about time something was done about all this junk mail.

But, oh say, notwithstanding the total unpropitiousness of the hour, what else can you see by the dawn's early light? Yes, of course, flitting with relentless charm between the tables, greeting here, chatting there, the new sun winking alike on the matchless orthodontics of the world's most ambitious smile and the brass neck required to keep it smiling, it is the woman who could have us all for breakfast.



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# Crimes of the punishers

💙 rime up. Crime down. Murder down. Rape up. Theft up. Mugging down. Villains, thugs, stalkers, rapists, sex attackers, lots of sex attackers. It is crime figures week, a bonfire of statistical vanity. The dogs of the dumb are unleashed upon the world and reason takes a holiday.

Two years ago, the Government announced that the crime wave was receding. Villains were in jail and statisticians were on the run. A 25 per cent rise in the prison population had done the trick. Then yesterday, something went wrong. With ministers still cheering on the breakwater, the wave came back and swamped them. "Crime up by I per cent." cried the radio, "unwelcome news for the Home Secretary." Or was it?

Yesterday saw the publication of not one set of crime figures but two. The first, the police figures, tell of crimes reported to local police stations. The other, the British Crime Survey (BCS), records the public's experience of crime and is more extensive and reliable. It suggests four times more crimes are committed than the police ever hear about, although nobody quite knows how the one figure relates to the other.

Two years ago, the police figures were down and the BCS figures up. The BCS was firmly suppressed by the Home Office, which proclaimed an "unprecedented fall in crime". Some at the time felt that this was reckless on Michael Howard's part. This year, the statisticians have got their acts together. Both totals are slightly up. What is going on?

First we must incant the twice-yearly ritual: the police figures are rubbish. They claim that 5,123,600 "crimes" were committed in England and Wales in the year to June. It remains a source of wonder to me that adults with good degrees keep doling out this nonsense. Is there no mathematician's Hippocratic Oath? The total lumps together crimes as awful as the Dunblane massacre and a stolen bicycle chain, the Manchester car bomb and a broken garage window. The crime total is the stupidest, most deceptive, yet most compelling statistic in the public sector. It is a reduction to absurdity of government standardisation. If local police want to tell citizens about their crime rates, with explanation and caveat, let them. A national figure so variable in its collection is meaningless. Yet politicians and journalists fall prostrate before it. They see a

Misleading Home Office figures are tough on the truth about crime, and a figleaf for the politics of retribution

crime rate as a statistic and statistics

must be true. This one is a lie. With half of all Britons confessing to some sort of crime before the age of 25, and half also admitting to drug-taking, how much "crime" comes to the attention of the police is a function of policy and annual budgets. It is not a function of criminality. When sex crime in North Wales fell two years ago by 43 per cent, it did not record some hormonal shift along the Clwyd littoral, merely the police leaving the rent boys alone in Rhyl.

Crime is an ever-changing thing. The London police previously regarded a keep criminalising more human behav-

tool lost from a potting shed like a purse left on the bus, as unrecorded carelessness. Now garden sheds are "burgled" and London burglaries have risen by 9,000. This is a definitional crime wave. Again, reported sex crime "rises" sex crime where a local police

station is sympathetic to victims of domestic violence and falls where it is not. Government requests for action on domestic burglary have equally bizarre results for police recording practice. Burglary fell last year by 4 per cent, while "criminal damage" rose by 5 per cent. Ask a chief constable about this and he winks.

Police-recorded crime was decelerating throughout the first half the decade. There are as many theories behind this fall as there are statisticians. Insurance policies were tougher, car and house protection were improving, villains were switching from (recorded) theft to (unrecorded) drug-dealing, where the profits were bigger. The figures may also have benefited from the lower prison population in the late 1980s, with fewer graduates-in-crime being released onto

The Home Secretary was warned by his officials in 1994 that if he relied on the dodgy police figures he risked them probably turning up again, uncomfortably close to an election. He would have been wise to change horses and espouse the more reputable British Crime Survey. But the BCS lacked appeal at the time. It denied that there was a crime wave in the 1980s and denied there was a crime collapse in the early 1990s. While the police were shouting that property crime was falling fast, the BCS said no, it was just not being reported to the police.
The BCS has long shown crime in
England and Wales to be rising slowly, perhaps because we have more to steal, perhaps because we are less tolerant of misdemeanour, perhaps because we

> iour. This is politically boring. Yet yesterday, while the ungrateful police were smacking Mr Howard with their wet fish, the BCS showed how virtue might have been rewarded. It showed an unprece-dented slackening in the "true" crime rate:

"the smallest ever increase recorded by the BCS". Had Mr Howard his wits about him and not boasted about the police figures for two years, he would yesterday have had the best crime figures story in Home Office history. Crime in Britain has, over the past two years, risen by less than ever before. Not just that, the fear of crime has actually diminished. This is a real achievement for community policing. I hear no Tory cheers from the rooftops.

One of the delights of social science is that nobody really knows what is happening to crime. I sense that the BCS records perceptions as much as experiences, but it does record something deep in the communal psyche. Property crime does seem to slacken during boom and rise during recession. The impact of the expanding drugs industry is impondera-ble. The criminalisation of drugs widely consumed by blacks enables the police to turn on the "recorded crime" and "clearup" taps at will. I imagine half the teenagers out next Saturday night could

be arrested and incarcerated for a crime if anyone wanted to boost the crime figures - and enrage half the parents to boot. The most alarming BCS figures concern violence. But of these almost half involve alcohol and only 16 per cent drugs. With companies now advertising alcoholic "pop" with drunks on the labels, small wonder drunken violence is rising and youths are cynical about adult double standards.

Each theory on the crime figures implies a different remedy. Decriminalising drugs might send the crime rate plummeting but not the consumption rate. In New York a lenient policy towards off-street drug offences has led to a fall in on-street pushing and on-street crime, and to a wide public perception that crime overall is falling. New York's experiment in "zero tolerance policing" appears to be working. By sweeping away petty signs of public disorder, graffiti, begging, peddling, loitering or public prostitution, the New York police have "recaptured the streets. Reported crime has fallen by over 50 per cent in some areas and the police's reputation has soared, so much so that the Mayor has sacked the police chief for courting popularity.

ritain is about to imitate a different American experiment, that of mass incarceration based on mandatory sentencing. This is the Californian model. In California it has broken the bank. The prison population was trebled in the 1980s and the state is having to spend \$3 billion a year on the highest-paid warders, the most lavish staffing ratios and the most violent prisons in America. Yet in a celebrated survey, California's violence rate was shown to be identical to that of Texas, whose prison population rose by just 17 per cent. California's three-strikes policy is on the point of collapse. The public feels no safer. More prisons may be a rubber dummy to an insecure government. They are rotten policy. The British Treasury must be

mad to authorise them. To me, the message of yesterday's figures is that more prisons make no sense. The rate of increase in crime appears to have begun slackening off since 1993. There is no reason for hysteria or hyperbole. Public fear is falling. The policies that preceded these figures appear at the very least not to have made crime worse. I call that good

# The IRA reaps the whirlwind

Terrorist options are narrowing, says

Michael Evans

The IRA has had one of its worst setbacks for years. Every move by the terrorist organisation in the past two months has been pre-empted by the authorities. Accurate intelligence and unprecedented co-operation between the police and MI5 are paying off. It would be tempting to suggest that the Provisional IRA is about to meet the fate of other terrorist organisations, such as the Italian Red Brigades or Germany's Baader Meinhof, whose two decades of anarchic violence was brought to an end with multiple arrests and shoot-outs in the late 1980s. However, apart from the commitment to violence, there are few other common denominators between the IRA and these past terrorist groups operating in Europe. Once they had gone, either killed or

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imprisoned, their cause died with them. The IRA, however, like the Basque Eta group, has deeply embedded roots and cannot be eliminated even by the most sophisticated military and intelligence machine, despite pronouncements that the war against the terrorists could be won. There have always been new

recruits to fill the vacant places. Nevertheless, the recent successes by the security authorities will force the Provisional IRA's so-called army council to review what appear to be limited options. The seven godfathers on the decision-making council have to face the fact that the security authorities appear at present to be one step ahead of them.

They have, perhaps, three options: to lie low, avoiding further arrests and eliminating whatever security lapses there may be in their normally tight cell structure; to push ahead with another bombing operation on the mainland to bombing operation on the mainland to prove they have not been put out of business; or to return to attacks in Northern Ireland.

Those in the IRA who were always sceptical of Gerry Adams's peace strategy and signed up to it only to avoid a damaging split in the hierarchy will undoubtedly be pressing for further violence, whether on the mainland or in the Province. The quartermasters, the key figures in charge of the explosives dumps and Kalashnikovs, still have an abundance of bomb-making material. The only questions are: who to deploy

and what are the risks of capture? The IRA has already lost a number of its most experienced activists this year. They can be replaced but fresh recruits need training, and with the risk of capture now so high there will be a strong element of doubt in the minds of those who are volunteered for the next attack. Unlike the fanatical Islamic terrorist organisations, the IRA has never shown any inclination towards suicide missions.

For an organisation that has only 300-400 frontline activists, the loss of up to 30 IRA members so far this year, either killed, arrested or compromised and on the run, will have had a devastating impact on both its infrastructure and its confidence.

Whether or not the security authorities have succeeded in nurturing highly placed moles inside the IRA camp, the series of arrests after precision surveillance operations indicate that intelligence-gathering by the Royal Ulster Constabulary Special Branch, MI5, the Metropolitan Police and the plethora of other special units that try to outmanoeuvre the IRA has reached a new peak of effectiveness.

ccurity sources warn against overoptimism. Two years ago, some senior police and Security Service figures were convinced that an IRA ceasefire lasting more than a year would begin to destroy the motivation for terrorism among the sleepers and socalled active-service units. That proved wrong. The ceasefire lasted 17 months. Throughout that period, the IRA never stopped training, carrying out dummy runs, targeting potential victims and developing new mortars and other terrorist devices. When the IRA army council decided to revert to violence, it achieved instant success with the explosion at South Quay in the London Docklands in February. The bomb in Manchester also demonstrated that the IRA could still vary its tactics and that it remained a formidable opponent.

However, while the IRA has proved it still has the motivation to pursue its bombing campaign, its leaders are now trapped. The door to the peace talks has been closed, Gerry Adams, Martin McGuinness and the rest of the IRA's political frontmen have lost all credibil-ity and to many in the IRA the only

option left is to continue bombing. If they revert to bombings in Northern Ireland they will face instant reprisals by better organised and better armed loyalist terrorists and they will run the risk of losing what support there is among the nationalist community. The Government in the Irish Republic. which has tried recently to sound optimistic about the future and has much to lose if all hope of another ceasefire vanishes, would also come under even greater pressure to clamp down on the IRA terrorists living south

of the border.
Unless the IRA takes the easiest option - lying low - there seems every chance that the bombers will be back in action on the mainland. But there will be a big difference. Since the South Quay and Manchester bombs, the police and Security Service have succeeded in converting general intelligence into highly accurate information which has destroyed two suspected IRA operational units. With similar intelligence work P·H·S in the future, the IRA courregret ending the ceasefire. in the future, the IRA could come to

# Odd couple

FOREIGN Office Minister Sir Nicholas Bonsor's bull-necked attack on Kenneth Clarke yesterday once again tore open Tory wounds over Europe and the single currency. But Sir Nicholas, a pukka baronet from the shires and direct descendant of Horatio Nelson, has always been eclectic in his choice of foes and friends.

His most memorable contribution to any debate in the Commons came in the late 1980s, when he rose to the defence of his pair, the mace-wielding former MP Ron



Brown: amazing mace

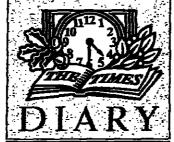
Brown. When all MPs about him were demanding disciplinary action against Brown, Bonsor rose majestically in chalk-stripe from his seat to defend the yobbish behaviour of the representative for Edinburgh Leith.

Brown, he said during the debate, was an MP of "integrity and honesty" and deserved leniency from parliamentary colleagues. The Chancellor, on the other hand, was "out of line" this week with his views on Europe.
Leading Europhiles were ap-

palled that Bonsor had broken the unwritten code that ministers do not attack each other in public. "Nicholas is an honourable and decent country squire," said one. "He was the president of Pop at Eton, and Captain of Boats. And he is most unlikely to hold a position of comparable power for the rest of his life."

#### Child's play

WHILE Binyamin Netanyahu and his frightening wife hit Britain yesterday, back in Tel Aviv their newly appointed nanny was sweating. She is the Netanyahu family's fourth nanny in as many



years and has arrived hard on the heels of the 21-year-old South African, Tanya Shaw, who was sacked for burning soup. Tanya followed a New Zealander who arrived after a Briton. Both of them have related hideous tales of Mrs

Netanyahu's erratic behaviour. Yesterday London's Israeli Em-bassy was aware of the sensitivity of the nanny issue and was refuctant to discuss who was looking after Netanyahu's children at home. Asked about childcare arrangements, they screamed with laughter, saying: "You really ex-pect us to tell you about that?"

 Conservative Students, a voluntary organisation, has endured a setback in its annual university recruitment drive. Ten thousand copies of a leaflet planned for fresher fairs across the country have been pulped after the discovery of four spelling mistakes. For

starters, the word Conservative was wrongly spelt.

#### No show

FINALLY we have an answer to the embarrassing dearth of celebrities from the launch of Joan Collins' autobiography Second Act last week. The book's sleeve trumpets a woman "who has known a vast cast from Brando to Branagh. from Monroe to Madonna". The prospective guest list for the bash was impressive: the Aga Khan, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, Roger



"A brick through Clarke's window doesn't count

Moore, Sean Connery et al. In the event, La Collins made do with such B-listers as Christopher Biggins and Michael Winner. "These people were just friends," she drawls. "We didn't ask people just because they were celebrities." Just as well.

#### Wet back

ANOTHER soggy grandee is to come out on behalf of Europe at the Conservative Party conference. Following in the trail blazed by Sir Edward Heath and his five pals, Lord Walker of Worcester (better known as Peter Walker) is emerging from hiding to give his first political speech since he left the

Cabinet six years ago.

The former Secretary of State for Wales will speak at a dinner given by the Tory Reform Group, but he says he hasn't yet prepared what he has to say. It is my first political performance since I left the Cabinet," he conceded yesterday. "I take the view, unlike some others, that when you go, you speak rather less."

#### Race girl

NEXT stop on the Diana, Princess of Wales, World Tour will be Australia. Yesterday she enjoyed a glitter breakfast with Hillary Clin-



ton at the White House. Now she has been invited as a guest of hon-our to the Melbourne Cup, the Antipodean answer to Ascot, in

October. She can be sure of a warm reception from both the republican tendency and the floral hat brigade. Her invitation will come as a snub to Buckingham Palace, which would doubtless prefer a member of their own troupe to attend. This is a big invitaion," said one Australian observer. "As an Aussie cultural high-spot, only Darwin's wet T-shirt contest rivals the Melbourne."

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#### BETWEEN THE LINES

What Ashdown did not say yesterday

The future relationship between a Labour government and the Liberal Democrats is a love that dare not speak its name. Tony Blair, in public at least, affects to believe that a Labour majority will make any pact unnecessary. The Lib Dem leadership is still coyly pretending to reservations that it does not really possess. But the flirtation was clearly evident in Paddy Ashdown's speech vesterday, even if, for the sake of political propriety, it was disguised.

Normally centre party leaders have to pretend that they might form the next government. Although their promises may sound thin even to the conference hall, and laughable outside it, they posit a world with Liberal Democrats in power. Yesterday. however, was different. The picture that Mr Ashdown painted was one in which his party merely had an influence upon a Labour administration. Instead of beginning each promise with "A Liberal Democrat government would...", he used the formula, "With the Liberal Democrats strong in the next Parliament. . . ".

The Lib Dems would not oppose a Blair administration: that much has been clear since Mr Ashdown dropped his policy of equidistance between the two big parties. But how willing and how active a partner would the centre party be? At one end of the spectrum is an informal relationship akin to that between the Conservatives and the Ulster Unionists, in which the smaller party generally but not always supports the larger one, and its members play no part in government. At the other, a formal pact could be drawn up between Labour and the Lib Dems, with agreed aims and a few Cabinet posts for members of the centre party.

The former would be easier for both party leaders. There is still some residual bitterness in both parties towards members of the other side. In many seats, particularly in the of which neither yet dares to speak.

urban North, the two parties are serious rivals. Some Labour members will never forgive the descendants of the SDP. Some Liberals are still deeply suspicious of Labour's union links and anti-market instincts. If Messrs Ashdown and Blair were to enter into a proper coalition, there could be open disquiet in both ranks.

Moreover, if Mr Blair won a working majority he would not need anything more than an informal arrangement. The areas likely to present the most difficulty to him in Parliament - reform of the welfare state and of the constitution - are those which the Liberal Democrats most want to see carried out. The Labour leader could simply call Mr Ashdown's bluff, the Lib Dem leader would not want to go down in history as the man who blocked Scottish or Welsh devolution.

On the other hand, Mr Blair is probably thinking beyond a first term. The opposition to a realignment of the Left comes primarily from older members of both parties. The younger ones tend to be freer-thinking; and many have had experience of working amicably with the other side on hung local councils. The closer that the two parties' policies become, the more absurd it seems for them to be fighting each other. Now that Labour has embraced constitutional reform, the old flagship of the centre party, there is little that differentiates the two.

Mr Blair might find his internal Labour Party position more comfortable in alliance with the Lib Dems. He is not a tribal man, and the centre of gravity of a progressive coalition would be closer to his own. If Labour were to introduce a more proportional voting system after the next election - perhaps a compromise modelled on the alternative vote - the certainties of British politics would become more fluid. This is the future of which both party leaders must dream, but

## **HER OWN WORST ENEMY**

The Bhutto clan has mortgaged Pakistan's future

Benazir Bhutto has buried her brother and bitter political enemy, Murtaza, shot dead by police in the sort of street battle that has become a routine feature of Pakistan's spiralling political, religious and criminal disputes. It will be far harder to bury the anger and tension in her country, where the warfare within her dynasty has come to symbolise the political, moral and economic bankruptcy of the governing élite.

The embattled Prime Minister may not judge it safe to come to London next week as planned. But if she does, she can be expected to repeat her customary theme that Pakistan, as the only moderate Muslim democracy in a highly volatile region, merits international understanding and financial support. The audience should be more sceptical than in the past.

Three years into Miss Bhutto's second term as Prime Minister, her country is on the edge of breakdown and her administration has forfeited most of its early promise. Economic liberalisation has faltered, her pretensions to social justice have been discredited by her Government's rank discrimination in favour of the wealthy landowners who dominate political life, sectarian violence has become relentless and the economy is recling from mismanagement.

Miss Bhutto blames everyone but herself - Islamist troublemakers, the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, America and even her mother, Begum Nusrat Bhutto. There is certainly plenty that is unsavoury and unscrupulous about her domestic opponents, both religious and political, and Begum Nusrat's hostility adds fuel to fire. But her reluctance to implement reforms that would weaken her own power base - or her family's finances - has contributed

heavily to Pakistan's current crisis. On the economy, the strategy that Miss Bhutto inherited in 1993, from an interim administration headed by the distinguished international economist Moeen Qureshi,

was the best Pakistan has had since independence. It could have produced cleaner as well as more efficient government. She had only to follow through. She declined to do so, with the result that tax evasion remains the norm, the black economy is half the size of the official economy, defence and debt servicing absorb 70 per cent of the budget and, despite high growth, the state's financial disrepair is such that the IMF has witheld its latest standby loan in despair.

President Farooq Leghari has finally lost patience - above all with the corruption that underpins feudal privileges. He demands the creation of a special judicial panel to investigate corruption charges against politicians and officials. Miss Bhutto, who recently appointed her much-suspected husband Investment Minister - a job which is singularly open to corrupt inducements retorts that nothing of the kind is needed.

It is, on the contrary, the indispensable first step to restore the moral authority Miss Bhutto needs to govern at all - let alone to deal with the sectarian battles that have brought terror to the streets. The two recent massacres in the city of Multan are the worst in years. Karachi, where 1,800 were killed last year, is stirring again. In the North West, there is heavy fighting. Islamist politicians with an unforgiving but populist agenda are again becoming a potent force.

Pakistan's stability matters more than those who think its importance ended with the Cold War like to suppose. It is an undeclared nuclear power, living in simmering enmity with India and unsettling amity with China. It could, as Miss Bhutto says, be a moderating influence in Muslim central Asia; but it also has the potential to stir up religious extremism instead. Miss Bhutto cannot expect unquestioning support on the grounds of religious moderation alone. The message she must hear in the West is that it is time to stop berating the technocrats and start to follow their sensible advice.

#### **MYTH AND STEAM**

Private rail must make the Crawling Haggis fly

Sea Containers, which owns the privatised East Coast main line, has conjured up smoky clouds of nostalgia for the launch of its new services from London to Edinburgh. Invoking the mythic spirit of the Flying Scotsman, the company promises that next month it will offer passengers all the glories of the old LNER without the smoke, the grime or the bumpy rail joints. The new Great North Eastern Railway, liveried in scarlet and blue and proffering sizzling breakfast bacon in its restaurant cars, is hoping to recapture not only the sepia nemories of premier prewar service, but ome of the romance of the named expresses

nat used to thunder down to Scotland. The most famous, alas, will not be on und. The Flying Scotsman now lies in xes, boxed and stored in a north London ad pending restoration. Its namesake still she earts daily at 10am from King's Cross, but 225kph electric locomotive and Mark IV hes have none of the cachet of their , slower, dirtier predecessor. But in , the old service was awful. It used to truth a full eight hours to travel to take urgh. First-class passengers were ed with well-sprung seats and cossett cassars. But those in third class could dirty carriages, draughty corridors, ing if they sat near the open window when the train was racing over the water troughs. The myth of steam speed was fostered by Mallard, the engine that achieved 126mph on one glorious day when the track was clear, the conditions perfect and the company determined to show what British engincering could do. But even in BR days, the prewar timetable looked pretty shoddy: fewer departures, trains that rarely went over 60 mph and enough bends and bumps to throw passengers frequently and not always enthusiastically into each other's arms. Huge sums have since been spent electrifying and realigning the route, now one of the fastest and most profitable in Britain. Although Sea Containers wants to banish the memory of InterCity, it knows that the development of this line was one of the nationalised railway's great achievements.

What is still missing is romance, and here the vistas for private initiative are as wide open as the sweeping Scottish moors: new named trains, good food, business lounges. and, at the other end of the scale, airlinestyle service at rock-bottom prices to boost the mass market. Verve, flair and imagination: this is what privatisation was meant to bring to the railways. If Sea Containers can recreate the myth of the Flying Scotsman, it

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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European currency union ("Europe's unholy alliance", September 19) was

well presented but was not carried to

He referred to poor areas in Ger-

many, France and Iberia but did not

mention those in the UK. He also re-

ferred to the Civil War in America as

imposing the will of the centre on the

states (to which the South and West

are now reacting) but did not mention the wars extending over centuries to

include Scotland and Wales in a "Greater England" (of Anglo-Saxon

origin). Here it is the North and West

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women could have continuity of care

during pregnancy there would be time to build a trusting relationship

with a midwife. If operative treatment

does then prove necessary the midwife

would be in a good position to defuse

the situation without tempers getting

As things stand at the present it is

rare to see a familiar face during

labour; few women have an advocate

in the labour ward. let alone in hastily

including tractors. Grass is already

growing through this new treatment.

I raised the matter with my MP two

ears ago when a lane that leads to no

habitation and is used even less was

resurfaced. I received a haughty reply

from the highways department stat-

ing that such work represented only I

per cent of its budget. I do not believe this area of Shropshire is unique.

In a poor state of repair the ruts and

bumps act like sleeping policemen. That apart I see resurfacing as a waste

of money which could be better spent.

Yours faithfully,

l Brook Cottage,

Near Oswestry, Shropshire.

TIM CRAIG,

September 21.

Hindford.

Reform Club, Pall Mall, SW1.

From Mr J. Wynne Lewis

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Yours faithfully, J. WYNNE LEWIS,

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J. P. MORRIS,

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#### Churchill, Britain's sovereignty and a single currency

From the Director of the European Movement - UK

Sir, Did Churchill want to submerge Britain in a centralised superstate (report and leading article, September 19; letters, September 20)? The answer is clearly no. If, on the other hand, you ask, "Did Churchill think Britain should play its part in the innovative development of the European Community, even if that meant sharing some national sovereignty? the answer is unambiguously yes.

Churchill's position was explained in detail during a parliamentary de-bate on June 27, 1950. He stated unequivocally that he could not envisage Britain being part of a federal superstate but went on to argue that Britain should "accept the invitation to take part in the discussions on the Schuman plan" with a view to joining, if possible, a new European Com-

Posing the question, "Are you prepared to part with any degree of nat-ional sovereignty in any circumstan-ces for the sake of a large synthesis?" he stated that the Conservative Party declares that national sovereignty is not inviolable, and that it may be resolutely diminished for the sake of all the men in all the lands finding their way home together".

So what would he have made of the "Euro-sceptics"? In the same debate he criticised Clement Attlee, the Labour Prime Minister, for being "the champion of the extreme insular view and added: "This . . . will not win for him or those who follow him any

Yours faithfully, STEPHEN WOODARD, Director, European Movement -United Kingdom. Dean Bradley House 52 Horseferry Road, SW1. September 20.

measure of public esteem."

From Mr J. A. Davis

Spin-doctors

From Mr Roger Bush

Sir, Lord Beloff and others (letters, September 20) correctly point out that in 1946 Sir Winston Churchill was opposed to Britain becoming part of a federal institutional Europe. But Churchill changed his position or even his party in the light of changed.

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formation Service, As far as I know,

no one has suggested that its mem-

Bernard says, they come nowhere

near qualifying.

Traditionally, the head of the GIS was the Director-General of the Cen-

tral Office of Information and there

was some dismay when Sir Bernard,

whilst still the Prime Minister's Press

Secretary, was for at least two years

given that position. The reason for this

was that he was perceived as having

become a good deal more political

than would be right or proper for a government information officer.

It is true that "spin-doctors have

little in common with self-effacing

GIS press secretaries". But then, who-

ever called Sir Bernard self-effacing?

(Government information officer,

54 Farley Road, Selsdon, Surrey.

Quality of Radio 3

Sir, That the great traditions handed

down from the BBC's Third Program-

me were about to be abandoned (let-

ter. September 2i) became clear when Mr Nicholas Kenyon was appointed

Controller of Radio 3 and announced

his intentions in an interview with

The Times (June 30, 1992). He spoke

knowledgeably and at length about

music and evinced no interest what-

ever in poetry. This from a man whose

works as MacNeice's The Dark Tower

and Thomas's Under Milk Wood.

essors had give the public such

From Mr Patrick Howarth

Yours faithfully.

R. BUSH

today, he would be able to recognise the difference between the imperial power of which he was Prime Min-ister and the European nation state of which Mr Major is, and would have seen the need to adjust the tactics used in maintaining a balance in Europe?

Euro-sceptics, Sir, live in the past and make us, as a nation, look ridiculous in the present. Yours faithfully, J. A. DAVIS,

54 Woodland Road,

Bookham, Surrey.

September 20.

From Mr A. H. P. Humphrev

Sir. As one who has lived through the two world wars, I hope that our leaders at the party conferences this year will reflect on Churchill's words at the Conservative Party conferences on October 5, 1946, and October 4, 1947, namely: "Never must we underrate the immense resources of patriotism"; and I strive for all three great systems - the British Commonwealth of Nations, the European Union [sic] and the fraternal association with the United States ... I believe that ... this island ... will become the vital link between them all."

On December 10, 1948, in a foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons he declared: "In the ever closer unity of the English-speaking world lies the main hope of human freedom and a great part of the hope of our own survival."

Yours faithfully, A. H. P. HUMPHREY, 14 Ambrose Place, Worthing, West Sussex. September 24.

From Mr J. Peter Morris

Sir, In other countries domestic political factors weigh as heavily in decisions about the Euro-currency as in the United Kingdom. Yet your reports, articles and letters seem to neg-lect these as if continental politicians were more idealistic than our own. It is easier to excuse slimming down an economy to meet Asian competition if it is presented as progress imposed by an external agreement.

Mr Redwood outlines the difficulties caused by monetary union if ex-change and interest rates not appropriate to a regional economy are fixed

A single currency means a single central bank: with 15 states on its

Sir, It is disingenuous of Sir Bernard Ingham to defend himself against be-ing called a spin-doctor (Media and Sir. On September 16 you reported that in two recent cases a High Court Marketing, September 11) by leaping to the defence of the Government Injudge has authorised doctors to carry out Caesarean sections against the mothers' will. I find this deeply alarmbers are or were spin-doctors; as Sir

Court-ordered Caesarean sections run directly contrary to the spirit of Changing Childbirth, the Govern-ment-backed and Government-funded report by Baroness Cumberlege, published in 1993, on the future of the maternity services.

ings enabling obstetricians to perform major surgery on unconsenting adults, by force if necessary, where will it all end? Effectively we are back at square one, with the obstetrician playing God and phoning his solicitor cronies to get the necessary piece of paper if women under his charge dare to reject his advice.

"wolf" for so long that women no longer trust their judgment. The increased Caesarean rate is owed more to fear of

#### Childbirth and the law the Editor of

Midwifery Matters

If courts continue to make these rul-

Obstetricians have been crying

#### Yours etc MARGARET JOWITT.

convened courts.

Editor, Midwifery Matters, Walford Lodge, Walford, Craven Arms, Shropshire. September 24.

#### Country roads

From Mr Tim Craig

Sir, I live in Shropshire down a onetrack lane with passing places. If the traffic is more than four cars an hour it is to be remarked upon.

During the seven years I have walked with my dog a four-mile route through surrounding lanes, I have seldom seen even a farm vehicle. So why does the county council spend so much resurfacing roads that carry so little traffic?

A local stretch 1.4 miles long, which. serves four dwellings and runs para-llel with a main road, was recently resurfaced. It could easily have been patched. In the seven years I have not met more than a dozen vehicles on it.

#### New tower for London

From the Chairman of the City Heritage Society

Sir. It is difficult in my view to find a single good point in favour of Trafalgar House's 92-storey Millennium Tower (letters, September 14), other than that it would probably fit well into the street patterns of New York or Hong Kong. For the City of London it is an absurdity.

Marcus Binney hazards a guess (report, September 10) that the City Corporation is likely to welcome the scheme. With no planning application yet made and with the certainty of enormous opposition if one is ever made I suggest that he is being pre-

The catalogue of reasons for hoping that a planning application will not be made is long. The overriding one is that a 1,200ft transparent skyscraper would be totally counter to the whole character of the City of London which. in spite of the building disasters inflicted upon it in recent years, is still a

buildings of modest scale. Also, any building on this site must be made to incorporate the re-creation within it of the main hall of the old Baltic Exchange, as has long been accepted by the Corporation of London and English Heritage.

Yours faithfully. C. DOUGLAS WOODWARD, Chairman, City Heritage Society, 404 Gilbert House, Barbican EC2. September 20.

From Mr Henry Button

Sir, If, as Mr Christopher Makin suggests in his letter, someone had criticised Wren's design for St Paul's on the ground of scale, Sir Christopher might have replied that, with a maximum height of 365ft, it was considerably lower than Old St Paul's, which stood at a height of 489ft before it was hit by lightning in June 1561.

Yours faithfully. HENRY BUTTON 7 Amhurst Court, Grange Road, Cambridge.

#### 'Incelibate' Popes and their families

From Mr Alexander Murray

Sir. Whatever else Christianity does to us, it makes us historians - as wirness your brief account of clerical celibacy ("History proves ideal of celibacy" is often broken". September 21). But your list of incelibate Popes needs

correcting. You say Clement IV (1265-68) was married with two daughters". Yes. but not as Pope or even priest. He was a famous lawyer who had taken or-ders in his late lifties, after the death of his wife. When he became Pope, ten years later, the novelty of a Pope with marriageable daughter sent a shock-wave through the marriage market, and Clement had to chide many noble bachelors for not having expressed their admiration when he

was a mere professor of law. The next name for the lifeboat should probably be Pius II (1458-64). to whom you give "several illegitimate children". He had two bastards, born and dead -- to his regret since he loved children - before he took holy orders

This young prodigy had probably long had priesthood in mind but had delayed taking the plunge on this very issue "because", he said to a friend just before taking it, "I fear chastity, although it is a virtue to be praised". The fear proved groundless and his way of life changed, so that by the time he became Pope, at 54, the only skeleton left in his cupboard was a faintly erotic novel he had written as a youth and which political enemies dug up and republished to embarrass

And so on, I am afraid, through most of the list. The High Renaissance Popes like Alexander VI (1492-1503) are another matter, and scandalised Europe at the time. The same had been true in the mid-tenth century, when a critic called Rome a pornocracy" whose leading porné (harlot) was allegedly mistress, mother, grandmother and step-daughter of Popes: a state of affairs which also horrified Church leaders elsewhere and led to a reform movement which, by stages, revitalised the old statutes.

including those on clerical celibacy. The General Council of Nicaea in 325 - the same council which gave the Church its creed - declared in its

third canon: The Great Council universally forbade any bishop, priest or other person in the clergy from introducing a woman to live with him unless it be his mother, sister or aunt, or other such as are above suspicion.

In its 16 centuries of existence that canon has been subject in turns or simultaneously to respect, neglect, defence and attack on principle, inter-pretation in other than its literal sense, wilful and unwilful ignorance, official and unofficial dispensation, and most of the other misty winds that commonly thrash the high peaks of the moral Atlas - peaks which stay there, for all that, and can be seen on a

Yours faithfully, ALEXANDER MURRAY (Tutor in Mediaeval History), University College, Oxford. September 21.

#### Church music

From Miss M. Shipley

Sir, St Philleigh Church, in a nearby village, usually manages to field two organists (letters, September 12, 16, 20, 23), but the Senior Organist is at present thatching his roof. The only prima donna is the organ: the occasional phut-boom or a mystic silence which keeps us all awake, and which

we treat with bemused awe. It's all part of God's plan, I suppose. The congregation is brilliant at singing How great Thou art unaccom-

Yours sincerely, MARION SHIPLEY **Junior Organist).** Penda, Treworthal, Ruan High Lanes, Truro, Cornwall.

From Mr R. E. F. James

Sir, One Sunday nearly 60 years ago my contemporaries at school were both amused and impressed by the skill of our youngish organist when the concluding voluntary in the college chapel turned out to be an adaptation of Tiger Rag, a jazz number still quite well known at that time.

We never knew whether the powers that be recognised his achievement. Yours faithfully,

R. E. F. JAMES, Averys House, Findon, Nr Worthing, Sussex. September 24.

#### Shop early . . .

From Professor G. H. McWilliam

Sir. In this morning's mail I received a letter from the Head of Marketing of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra urging me not to miss the RPO's 50th birthday concert, for which tickets. are now selling fast". My wife and I attended the concert at the Royal Albert Hall eight days ago, on September 15.

Is this a recording? HARRY McWILLIAM,

Yours etc. Lewins, Chalfont St Peter,

I must declare an interest, having in the past had eight programmes of my poetry broadcast on Radio 3. But I shall be surprised if anyone seriously interested in poetry does not share my disappointment at what is happening

Yours faithfully, PATRICK HOWARTH. Flat 2, Pencarrow, The Avenue, Sherborne, Dorset. September 21.

> From Mr Douglas Lowndes Sir. If Elaine Page is really ambitious (letter, September 19) she should forget about mere boulevards and streets and get herself the title-role in Yours sincerely.

Road to fame

DOUGLAS LOWNDES, I Colville Court. Great Missenden, Buckinghamshire. September 19.

Letters for publication may



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

KENSINGTON PALACE

London E8.

September 24: The Duke of

Gloucester this afternoon attended

a ceremony to mark the comple-tion of the modernisation of Nava-

rino Mansions, Dalston Lane,

The Duchess of Gloucester this

morning visited Montessori St

Nicholas Centre to mark the

Centre's Golden Jubilee and

opened the lecture room, 23-24 Prince's Gate, London SW7.

Prior, the Order of St John

accompanied by The Duchess of

Gloucester, attended a Military Concert and Dinner in aid of the

Lord Mayor's Appeal for St John Ambulance at Guildhall, London

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

September 24: Princess Alexandra

this afternoon opened Sussex-down, the Royal Air Forces Associ-

ation's renovated Nursing Home,

at Washington Road, Storrington

and was received by Her Majesty's

Lord-Lieutenant of West Sussex

(Major-General Sir Philip Ward).

The Oveen has been graciously

pleased to appoint the Reverend

Mark Oakley to be a Deputy Priest

in Ordinary to Her Majesty in

succession to the Right Reverend

The Duke of Gloucester, Grand

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** September 24: The Princess Royal President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, this morning opened the Walsail Carers Centre, 5/6 The Crossing at St Pauls, Darwall Street, Walsali, West Midlands and was received by Sir Adrian Cadbury (Deputy Lieuten-ant of West Midlands).

Her Royal Highness, President, The Princess Royal Trust for Carers today attended a luncheon at IMI plc. Witton Road, Birmingham, West Midlands.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London this evening attended a Dinner to mark the amended a Differ to mark in merger of The London Hospital Medical College and St Bartholo-mew's Hospital Medical College with Queen Mary and Westfield College and the establishment of St Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry, Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street, London EC2

CLARENCE HOUSE September 24: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), this morning presented, on behalf of The Queen New Colours to the 1st and 2nd Battations at Birkhall.

Her Majesty was subsequently entertained at luncheon by the Officers of the Regiment. Mrs Michael Gordon-Lennox and Major David McMicking were in

The Duchess of Gloucester will

Kilmorack, CBE, will take place in

St Margaret's Church, West-

minster Abbey, at noon on

Wednesday, November 13. Ali are

welcome, and those wishing to

attend are requested to apply for

tickets to: The Rector's Secretary,

Room 13, 1 Little Cloister, West-minster Abbey, SWIP 3PL, enclos-

ing a stamped addressed envelope.

A service of thanksgiving for

the life of Lucy Doxford will be held at Holy Trinity, Brompton Road, London, SW7, at noon on

Tickets will

Lucy Doxford

November 1.

October 15.

Reception

West Africa Committee Baroness Chalker of Wallasey was the guest of honour at a reception

held last night at the Army and Navy Club to mark the 40th

anniversary of the committee and to launch its anniversary book.

Members of HM Government and

of high commissions and em-

Service dinner

last night in Belfast.

The Royal Irish Regiment

Colonel J.D. Sankey. Regimental Colonel of The Royal Irish Regi-

ment, presided at a Colonel-in-

Chief's Dining Club dinner held

bassies of West Africa were among

#### Dinners Royal engagements The Princess Royal will attend a Oueen Mary and

Michael Colclough.

reception for the Hospital for Westfield College Tropical Diseases at the Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrews Place, NWI, at 7.15; and, as President of the British Olympic The Princess Royal, Chancellor of London University, attended a dinner held last night at Drapers' Hall to mark the formation of St Association, will attend the nat-Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and ional committee meeting and an-nual meeting at the Café Royal. Dentistry on the merger of The at 10.20 London Hospital Medical College, St Bartholomews Hospital Medi-Princess Margaret. President, The cal College and Queen Mary and Westfield College by the Queen Mary and Westfield College Act Guide Association, will give a reception for Queen's Guides at Kensington Palace at 5.00.

visit Katsouris Fresh Foods, Wembley, at 10.55. all those who assisted in the Sir Christopher France, Chairman of Queen Mary and Westfield College Council, presided. Lord Quirk. FBA, and Professor Graham Zellick, Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield Coll-Thanksgiving services Lord Fraser of Kilmorack A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Fraser of ege, were the speakers.

Professor Sir Colin Berry, Vice-Principal and Warden of Queen Mary and Westfield College, presented the following new Honorary Fellows: Professor Lord Winston; Professor Joseph Rothlat, FRS, and Professor

1995 and to express appreciation to

Herman Waldmann, FRS. Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Dalton, Master of the Drapers' Council, inspected the London University Royal Naval Unit guard of honour. Among others present were:

present were:
Lord Dainton, the Hon Peter Brooke,
CH. MP. Sir Michael Palliser,
Lieutenant-General Sir Derek
Boorman, Sir Anthony Dawson, Sir
John Ellis, Sir Ian Gainsford, Sir
Genham Hart, Sir Peter Levene, Sir
Greville Sprant, Professor Sir Michael
Thompson, Professor Sir Michael
Thompson, Professor Sir Michael
Thompson, Professor Mr Alan Langlands,
Professor A S McNelsth, Mr Cilve
Priessor, Ms Judith Maylaw, Mr
Langlands,
Rutherford (Vice-Chancellor, London
University), Mr Finlay Scott and
Mr William Wels,
Laborate Ligner, School

Latymer Upper School, The Headmaster, Mr Colin

Diggory, and the Chairman of The Latymer Foundation, Dr Jack Edelman, CBE, were the hosts at a Dinner held last night at Latymer Upper School after the Annual Prize Giving. Dr M. Zaki Badawi, Principal of The Muslim College. Ealing, was the Guest of Honour. The Chairman of the Old Latymerian Association, Mr Geoff Gurney, School Governors, members of Staff and Headmasters of selected Junior and Prep Schools were among the guests.

#### Birthdays today

Professor Struther Arnott, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, University of St Andrews, 62; Mr N.W. Ayrron, theatre and opera director, 72; Mr Ronnie Barker, comedian, 67; Sir Leon Brittan, QC, a Viceor; Sir Leon British, Qc, a vice-President of the European Com-mission, 57: Sir Colin Davis, conductor, 69; Mr Martin Dermott, rugby league player, 29; Mr Michael Douglas, actor, 52; Sir John Farr, former MP, 74; Sir John Farr, Cormer MP, 76; Sir ernor-General of Jamaica, 87: Mr John Hills, racehorse trainer, 36; Sir David Hunt, diplomat, 83; man Usher of the Black Rod, 60; Miss Felicity Kendal, actress, 50; Professor Sir William Mitchell, physicist, 71; Mr Timothy Severin. author and explorer, 56; Mr Michael Stephen, MP, 54; Miss Vivien Stern, former director, Nacro, 55; Commandant Daphne Swallow, former director, WRNS, 64: Miss Rowena Vining, diplomat, 75: Mr Nicholas Wood, former president, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 48.

#### University of Northumbria at Newcastle

The following law students qualified from the University of Northumbria for the academic year 1995-96:

Full-time Legal Practice Course 1995/96



Part-time Year 2 Legal Practice Course 1995/96

Lawson, Siephen Allen, List, Metanie Lisa, Mactay, Pelicity Ann, Meir, Ann, Monigomery, Angela, Nilsen, Asgelr, Owens, Alexandr, Prne, Susan, Quirke, Adam, Francis, Sheppart, Christopher Charles, Smith, Beverley Jans, Teate, Michael Ambrose, Thomas, Catherine Mary, Thompson, Lisa Jane, Trumbulf, Gillian, Whitworth, Diane Isabella, Wright, Shirley, Collins, Jason Peter, Leng, Rachel Jane. Full Time Year 4 LLB (Hons)

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Exempting Degree 1995/96

Aimelli. Emma Louise. Andrews.
Amanda Jane. Archibaid. Amanda
Karen, Bainbridge, Claire. Barmett. David
Francis. Bird. Helen, Biount, Christine
Kay. Brennan, Tracey Anne, Callum.
Lisa, Campbell, Sharom Ann. Cohen,
Daniel Andrew. Coley. Elizabeth Anne.
Coughter. Helen Louise, Daniel. Claire
Victoria. Dibnath. Anna Francesca
Asthon; Dionning. Philip James: Dunlop,
Katherine Ann; Edmunds, Samson
James. Farmer, Kathy Diane Ganley,
Lorna Erica: Goan, Michael Vincenic
Goodal, Zoe Claire Gothard, Leigh Anne.
Retrict. Commander Handlord. Bilre
Adam Johnstham. Harrison. Abna
Retrail. David. Hindhaugh. Annony
James. Hollywood. Reri Louise; Hood,
Louise: Howarth, Sally Belinds: Hunter,
Malcolm: Johnston, Keylm. Thomas.
Johnston, Nell Allstahr, Raur. Sukhilwen;
Kettey. Meredith Anthony; Kliert, Peter
James, Krauges. Spencer John Wallace,
Leung. Margaret Averil U. Kuen;
Marshall. Esther Anne: McMechamin,
Lorna: McMullan, Marie-Louise Milner.
Richard Charles; Newseed, Claire JaneParkin, Helen List; Pearce. Heldi
Jeannette. Powell, Leigh; Puri. Aarti.
Resvill, Daniel Richard; Rowlin, Lettina
May, Shortland.
Commander. Leigh; Puri. Aarti.
Resvill, Daniel Richard; Rowlin, Lettina
May, Shortland.
Cathy. Taylor, Mark Vincent, Thomas,
Graham Anthony; Turville, Karen, Jean:
Wilde, Michelle Louise: Wilkinson, Paul:
Wille, Michelle Louise: Wilkinson, Paul:
Williams, Ryan, Wingate, David Fenton;
Wynne-Morrison, Norma.



#### The Fulbright Commission

DPhil

Fulbright Oxford University scholarship

Fulbright British-American Chamber of Commerce award

Erik Sahot\*, Princeton Univ (AB. 1993); St Antony's Coll. Economic, DPhil

C Scott Hemphill, Harvard College (AB 1994); LSE, Economics, MSc

John O'Quinn, North Carolina State

Univ (BS and BA 1996); Oxford Univ Environmental Studies, MSc

Morgan Walker, Pacific Northwest College of Art (BFA 1993), Univ of Oregon (MFA 1995); London, Art/Printing, Research

Denotes student on 2nd year of Joint

British graduate students awards

Andrew Balls\*, Oxford Univ gradu

ate; Harvard Univ, JFK School of Government Economics, Public Ad-

ministration, MPA
Simon Blake-Wilson, Excter Univ
graduate, currently London Univ.
PhD: Univ of Auburn, Alabama,
Discrete Mathematics and Information Consistent Machanians and Informa-

tion Security, non-degree
Lindy Cameron, Oxford Univ graduate: Tufts, Int'l Relations, MA
Eleanor Chadwick, Oxford Univ
graduate, Royal Northern College of
Music; Harvard Univ, IFK School of
Care Dulis Deligent degree

Music, Harvard Univ. Jrk. Scroot of Gov, Public Policy, non-degree Helen Cox, Cambridge Univ gradu-ate, Gulldhall School of Music, Indiana Univ. School of Music, Music — Violin, non-degree Claire Dunning, Oxford Univ gradu-

traine Donning, Oxford Only graduate, Univ of Michigan, medicine.
non-degree
Dylan Evans, Southampton Univ
graduate, Kent Univ MA: State Univ
of New York, Buffalo Comparative

Clair Gallagher, Imperial College graduate; Univ of Illinois, Mathemat-

Literature, PhD

Lusk Memorial Fellowship

Fulbright Scholarship

1996/97 Grantees

ministration, MPA

The following have been awarded British and American Fulbright postgraduate studentships:

American graduate students Standard awards

Julie Appiah, Stanford Univ (BA 1993); Oxford Univ. Soc Policy, MSc Rebecca Breslow, Yale Univ (BA 1996); Courtauld Inst of Art, London, History of Art, MA Michael Cafarella, Brown Univ (AB 1996): Edinburgh Univ, Artificial Intelligence, MSc Christine Chen, Univ of California.

Christine Chen, Univ of California. Berkeley (BA 1996): LSE, Political Science, MPhil. Charles Collins, Princeson Univ (BSE 1988), Univ of Illinois (MS 1996): Univ of Strathclyde, Engineering, MSc Esther Conrad, Stanford Univ (BS 1995); Univ of Cambridge, Development Studies, MPhil Helen Denham, Univ of Chicago (BA 1990), Univ of Cal, Berkeley (PhD exp

999); Oxford Univ. Hist of Science. US PhD Research Charles Gannon, Brown Univ (BA 1982), Syracuse Univ (MS 1985), Fordham (MA 1994, PhD exp 1997); Liverpool Univ, Eng Lit, US PhD Research Charles Hight, Rice Univ (B Arch

1993): Architectural Assn School of Arch, London, Architecture, MPhil Laura Hughes, Connecticut College (BA 1996); Sussex Univ. Eng Lit. MPhil Andrea Koenig, Univ of Washington (BA 1994), Syracuse Univ (MFA 1997); Queen's Univ Bellast, Women's Stud-

Queen's Univ Beliast, women's Stud-ies, US MFA Rescarch M Kitty Lapp, Manhartanville Coll-ege (BA 1996): Southampton Univ (Winchester School of Art), Clothing History, MA
Shadd Maruna, Illinois Univ (BA
1993) Northwestern Univ (MA
1995
and PhD exp 1998): Liverpool Univ,
Investigative Psych, US PhD

Evan Medeiros, Bates College (BA 1993) Washington DC; Cambridge Univ. Intl Relations, MPhil Amanda Merryman, Stanford Univ (BA 1995); LSE, Economics, MSc (BA 1995); LSE, ELORIUMS, MSc Robert Pefferly, US Costs Guard Academy (BS 1991) California State Univ Hayward (MS 1990); Edin-burgh Univ, Mathematics, MSc Pauline Quigley, Loyola Univ Chi-cago (BS 1996); Glasgow Univ. Chem-istry, MSc

Catherine Sabatos, Fordham Univ. (BS 1996); Oxford Univ. Biochemistry, MSc Jonathan Sills, Princeton Univ (BSE 1996); Oxford U 1996): Oxford Univ. History of Science, MSc Beatrice Thayaparan, Yale Univ (BS 1996); PHLS, London, Public Health, ics, PhD Christopher Hare, Can-Research Christopher Timura, Denison Univ bridge Univ graduate, Diploma in Law, Bar School: Harvard Law (BA 1996); University Coll. London. School, Law, LLM

Anthropology, MSc Michelle Tusan, Univ of California, Berkeley (AB 1993, MA 1995, PhD exp 1999): London, Cambridge, History. Sarah Ioanides, Oxford Univ gradu-ate, Guildhall School of Music, certificate in Conducting; Curtis In-stitute of Music, Conducting (Music). US PhD Research Rashmi Yadav, Univ of Idaho (BS 1995); Cambridge Univ, Psych, MPhil non-degree Canimhe McAvinchey, Manchester Fulbright Cambridge University joint scholarships
Thomas Grant\*, Yale Univ (JD, 1994);

Univ graduate: New York Univ (NYU). Performance Studies, MA Deepak Nambisan, Oxford Univ graduate, BCL (August 1996); Har-vard Law School, Law, LLM Wolfson Coll, Law/Int'l Relations, Alice Neary, Royal Northern College of Music graduate: New York State Sharon Sokol, Rutgers Univ (BA 1996); Cambridge Univ. Biology. Univ. Stony Brook, Music - Cello.

> Laure-Helene Piron, Oxford Univ graduate, MPhil (July 1996): Colum-bia Univ, Int'l Relations, MA Tom Reynolds, Bristol Univ; MIT, Aerospace Engineering, MA Vanessa Sayers, Oxford Univ graduate; Harvard Univ. JFK School of Government. Public Admin. MPA Daniel Squires. Cambridge Univ graduate: Harvard Law School, Law, LLM

> Catherine Stevens, Cambridge Univ graduate, Harvard Univ, JFK School of Government, Public Admin, MPA Mark Wyatt. Cambridge Univ graduate, Univ of London, MSc. Univ of Florida, Astronomy, PhD \*\* Knox Award grantees (therefore, are travel-only Fulbright Awards) Co-sponsored awards

BACC Tom Reynolds, Bristol Univ graduate; MIT. Aerospace Engineering. Citibank

Marc Sharpe, Cambridge Univ graduate, MA, Oxford Univ gradu-ate, MSc; Harvard Business School, Business Administration, MBA Calvin Klein-Harvey-Nichols award in fashion design on design

Debra Smith, Fashion Design, Duncan Jordanstone

Travel-only awards Jason Chin. Ordord Univ graduate. Yale Univ, Chemistry, PhD Catherine Sangster. Leeds Univ graduate. Univ of Massachusens, inguistics, non-degree

Catherine Seago, Surrey Univ gradu-ate, Sarah Lawrence College, New York, Dance, MFA Kevin Yuel+. Univ of Nomingham graduate. Pennsylvania State Univ. American History, non-degree grantee will also receive mainte-nance stipend in addition to travel

#### **Anniversaries** today

BIRTHS: William Romaine, theologian and preacher, Hartlepool, 1714; Abraham Werner, geologist, Upper Lusaria, Saxony, 1750; Felicia Hemans, poet, Liverpool, 1793; Thomas Morgan, geneticist, Nobel laureate 1933, Lexington, Kentucky, 1866; Sir Charles Cochran, impresario, Lindfield, Sussex, 1872: William Faulkner, novelist, Nobei laureate 1949. New Albany. Mississippi. 1897; Mark Rothko, painter, Daugavpils, Russia, 1903; Dmitri Shostakovich, composer, St Petersburg, 1906; Glenn Gould, pianist, Toronto, 1932.

DEATHS: Johann Heinrich Lambert, mathematician, Berlin, 1777: Johann Strauss the Elder, violinist and composer, Vienna, 1849; John Watson, psychologist, New York, 1958; Erich Maria Remarque, author of All Quiet on the Western Front, Locarno, 1970; Walter Pidgeon, film actor, Santa Monica, California, 1984; Emlyn Williams, actor, London, 1987.

The first transfusion using human blood, as opposed to animal blood, took place at Guy's Hospital, London, 1818. Britain's first motor bus service started in Bradford, 1897. Catalonia in Spain became autonomous with its own parliament, language and flag, 1932.

#### Institute of Physics

The following is a full list of council members of the Institute of Physics for the year starting October 1: President. Dr Brian W Maniey; Immediate Past President, Sir Arnold Wolfendate: Honorary Treasurer, Mr John L Lewis; Honorary Secretary, Professor Eric Jakeman; Vice-Presidents: Professor Ian Butterworth, Professor Peter I P Kalmus, Mr John H Moore and Dr Tony Scott.

Ordinary Members: Professor John L
Beeby, Dr C Dolores Byrne, Dr Julie
Corbett, Professor Christopher
Dainty, Professor John Enderby, Dr
Norman E Fancey, Mr Neil Forbes,
Professor Stuart B Palmer, Dr
Michael N Rudden, Dr A Marshall
Stoneham, Professor Lance Thomas,
Dr Andrew J Wallard, Dr M Francisca
Wheeler, Dr John Young.

#### **Sutton Grammar School for Boys**

Events to celebrate the centenary of Sutton Grammar School for Boys in 1999 are currently being organised. All Old Boys who wish to receive information are asked to write or send a facsimile to: Sutton Grammar School for Boys (Centenary), Manor Lane, Sutton, Surrey, SMI 4AS. Fax: 0181-770

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr T.D.B. Charles and Miss E.J. Simeons The engagement is announced between Torn, son of Mr and Mrs David Charles, of Constantine, Cornwall, and Eloise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Clive Simeons, of

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Doras Green, Surrey.

Mr J.B. Chevallier Guild and Miss D.K. Hosking The engagement is announced between Barry, elder son of Mr and Mrs John Chevallier Guild, of Aspall Hall, Suffolk, and Dale, second daughter of Mr and Mrs David Hosking, of Abbey Mill Farm, Dunkeswell Abbey, Devon.

Viscount Coke and Miss P.M. Whately The engagement is announced between Tom, elder son of the Earl of Leicester and Valeria. Viscountess Coke, both of Norfolk. and Polly, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs David Whately, of

Dorset. Mr A.G.P. Davies

and Miss J. Belmont The engagement is armounced between Giles, only son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Pedder Davies, of Nairobi, Kenya, and Jasmina, younger daughter of Mr Julien Granata Belmont and Comtesse

Mr.J. Hoot and Miss K.L. Stark-Toller The engagement is announced between Jon. son of Mr and Mrs Paul Hunt, of Cradley, Malvern, and Kathryn, daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Stark-Toller, of Wycombe. High Buckinghamshire.

Mr E.B.J. Johnson and Miss C.A. Atkinson

The engagement is announced between Bart, son of Dr and Mrs Stewart Johnson, of Ruscombe, Berkshire, and Claire, daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs Derek Atkinson, of East Bridgford. Nottinghamshire.

Dr R.F. Neilson and Dr A.N. Parker

The engagement is announced between Roderick, youngest son of Mr and Mrs William Neilson, of Hyndland, Glasgow, and Anne, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Rodney Parker, of Bushey Heath, Hertfordshire.

Marriages Mr S.J. Ball

and Mrs J.A. King The marriage took place on Tues-day. September 24, 1996, at Westminster Register Office, of Stephen Ball to Jennifer King. A luncheon was held at Langans

Brasserie and the honeymoon is being spent abroad. Mr P. Middleton

and Miss A. Mehra The marriage took place on September 24, 1996, in Fulham, of Mr Peter Middleton, to Miss Anita Mehra, daughter of Harish and Margarete Mehra.

#### Latest wills

Eric Charles Oliphant Jewesbury. medical practitioner, of London NW8, left estate valued at £2,258,846 net.

NWB, left estate values at 12,258,846 net. He left £20,000 to the Warden of the St Bartholomews and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry, London, to be used for cultural, recreational or social amenitors of the junior medical staff; £12,000 to the President of the Mess of Nonth Middlesex Hospital. Edmonton, north London, for junior medical staff; £5,000 to the trustees of the Savile Endowment Fund. The rest of his estate to be equally shared between: Royal Medical Benevolent Fund. Osler House Club of Oxford University. National Star Centre for Disabled Youth. Carbuslan Trust, Royal College of Physicians of London, British Epilepsy Association, Multiple Scierosis Society, Barnardo's, Charterhouse in Southwark, Trustees of Christ Church (Cxicord) Unived Clubs, London Association of Youth Clubs, Queen Elizabeth's Foundation for the Disabled, ScoPE, Shelter, Pellowship House Trust, Sarnaritans, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Dystrophy Group, Age Concern England, Royal Society of Medicine, Royal Astandra and Albert School. RAF Benevolent Fund, Parkinson's Disease Society.

John Kent Ridler, of Wootton Courtenay, Minehead, Somerset, left estate valued at £1,185,001 net. He left prints, paintings, books and papers to remain on loan to Somerset Record Office, Devon Record Office,

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David John Green, of Chickerell. Weymouth, Dorset, left estate valued at E1,014,249 net.

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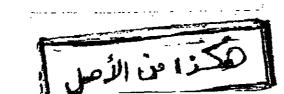
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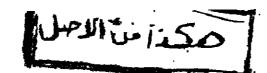
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#### PAUL ERDÖS

Paul Erdős, mathematician. died on September 20 aged 83, He was born on March 26, 1913.

ul Erdős was regarded by fellow mathematicians as the most brilliant, if eccentric, mind in his field. Because he had no interest in anything but numbers, his name was not well known outside the mathematical fraternity. He wrote no best-selling books, and showed a stoic disregard for worldly success and personal comfort, living out of a suitcase for much of his adult life. The money he made from prizes he gave away to fellow mathematicians whom he considered to be needier than himself. "Property is a nuisance," was his succinct evaluation.

Mathematics was his life and his only interest from earliest childhood onwards. He became the most prolific mathematician of his generation, writing or co-authoring 1,000 papers and still publishing one a week in his seventies. His research spanned many areas, but it was in number theory that he was considered a genius. He set problems that were often easy to state, but extremely tricky to solve and which involved the relationships between numbers. He liked to say that if one could think of a problem in mathematics that was unsolved and more than 100 years old, it was probably a problem in number theory.

In spite, or perhaps because of, his eccentricities, mathematicians revered him and found him inspiring to work with. He was regarded as the wit of the mathematical world, the one man capable of coming up with a short, clever solution to a problem on which others had laboured through pages of equations. He collaborated with so many mathematicians that the phenomenon of the "Erdos number" evolved. To have an Erdős number I, a mathematician must have published a paper with Erdös. To have a number of 2, he or she must have published with someone who had published with Erdos, and so on. Four and a half thousand mathematicians have an Erdos number of 2.

Erdős was born into a Hungarian-Jewish family in Budapest, the only surviving child of two mathematics teachers (his two sisters, who died of scarlet fever, were considered even brighter than he was). At the age of three he was amusing guests by multiplying three-digit numbers in his head, and he discovered negative numbers for himself the same year. When his father was captured in a Russian offensive against the Austro-Hungarian armies and sent to Siberia for six years, his mother removed him from school, which she was decided to teach him herself. Erdős one university and research centre to continue tomorrow — if I live."

received his doctorate in mathematics from the University of Budapest. then in 1934 came to Manchester on a

late 1930s it was obvious that it would be an act of suicide for a Jew to return to Hungary. Instead Erdus left for the United States. Most members of his family who remained in Hungary were killed during the war.

In 1949 he and Atle Selberg astounded the mathematics world with an elementary proof of the Prime Number Theorem, which had explained the pattern of distribution of prime numbers since 1896. Selberg and Erdős agreed to publish their work in back-to-back papers in the same journal, explaining the work each had done and sharing the credit. But at the last minute Selberg (who, it was said, had overheard himself being slighted by colleagues) raced ahead with his proof and published first. The following year Selberg won the Fields Medal for his work. Erdős was not much concerned with the competitive aspect of mathematics and was philosophical about the episode.

From 1954 Erdős began to have problems with the American and Soviet authorities. He was invited to a conference in Amsterdam but on the way back into the United States was interrogated by immigration officials over his Soviet sympathies. Asked what he thought of Marx, he gave a typically guileless response: "I'm not competent to judge, but no doubt he was a great man." Denied his re-entry visa, Erdős left and spent much of the 1950s in Israel.

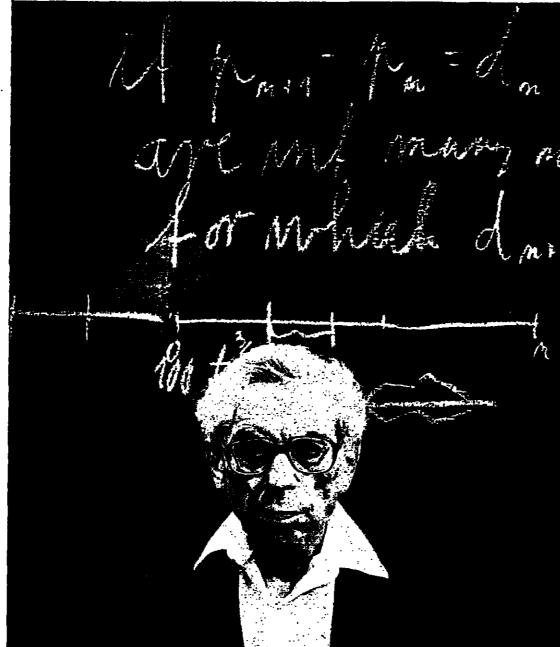
He was allowed back into the United States in the 1960s, and from 1964 his mother, now in her mideighties, began travelling with him. Apart from his family and old friends, Erdős had no interest in a relationship which was not founded in shared intellectual curiosity and he was content to remain a bachelor.

post-doctoral fellowship.

By the time he finished there in the

Erdős had made his first significant contribution to number theory when he was 20, and discovered an elegant proof for the theorem which states that for each number greater than I, there is always at least one prime number between it and its double. The Russian mathematician Chebyshev had proved this in the 19th century, but Erdős's proof was far neater. News of his success was passed around Hungarian mathematicians, accompanied by a rhyme: "Chebyshev said it, and I say it again / There is always a prime between n

Nor did he see the need to restrict himself to one university. He needed no equipment for his work, no library or laboratory. Instead he crissconvinced was full of germs, and crossed America and Europe from He would end sessions with: "We'll



the next, inspired by making new contacts. When he arrived in a new town he would present himself on the doorstep of the local most prominent mathematician and announce: "My brain is open."

He would work furiously for a few days and then move on, once he had exhausted the ideas or patience of his host (he was quite capable of falling asleep at the dinner table if the conversation was not mathematics)

PROFESSOR DONALD EARL

After the death of his mother in 1971, Erdős threw himself into his work with even greater vigour, regularly putting in a 19-hour day. He fuelled his efforts almost entirely by coffee, caffeine tablets and Benzedrine. He looked more frail, gaunt and unkempt than ever, and often wore his pyjama top as a shirt. Somehow his body seemed to thrive on this punishing routine.

ie litestvie Erdős had little need of money. He won the Wolf Prize in 1983, the most

lucrative award for mathematicians, but kept only \$720 of the \$50,000 he had received. Lecturing fees also went to worthy causes. The only time he required funds was when another mathematician solved a problem which Erdös had set but not been able to solve. From 1954 he had spurred his colleagues on by handing out rewards of up to \$1,000 for these problems.

He died from a heart attack at a conference in Warsaw, while he was

# working on another equation.

#### **DENIS DOWLING**

Denis Dowling, operatic baritone, died on September 23 aged 86. He was born near Ranfurly, New Zealand, on June 24.

DENIS DOWLING was a one-company singer. His first professional engagement in Britain was with Sadler's Wells in 1939. He had just won the Tagore Gold Medal at the Royal College of Music, the first non-instrumentalist to do so, and was immediately offered the role of Herr von Faninal in Strauss's Der Rosenkavalier. Joan Cross was the Marschallin and Walter Midgley sang the Italian Tenor, so he began in good company.

After war service he rejoined Sadler's Wells for the 1948-49 season and there he staved until 1984. No one has yet calculated just how many baritone roles, large and small, he played over those 36 years, during which Sadler's Wells became the English National Opera. His final performance came during the company's tour of America, It was at the Metropolitan Onera. New York, where at the age of 74 he sang the cameo role of Prince Bolkonsky in Prokofiev's War and Peace. It was his Met debut. "Hail and farewell," Dowling was heard to murmur.

During those early days in Rosebery Avenue, when Sadler's Wells was trying to find its postwar feet under the leadership of Norman Tucker, Dowling was ready to take on any part assigned to him. First came Silvio in Pagliacci and there followed a flurry of other assorted roles, In Carmen he could have been heard as both the toreador Escamillo and the insignificant smuggler Dancairo. In Puccini he was ready to stagger on as the escaped prisoner Angelotti and then assume, later in the season, the rather more demanding part of Sharpless in Butterfly. In both big roles and small Dowling was learning fast how to make an impression on stage.

Mozart became a speciality. He was ready to play both Figaro and the Count in The Marriage of Figaro and Guglielmo and Don Alfonso, the latter an especially effective characterisation, in Cost fan eno in *I ne Ma* Flute was a natural and he even took the title role in Don Giovanni, which drew praise from Vaughan Williams.

Dowling repaid the compliment by appearing as the Showman in Vaughan Williams's Hugh The Drover at the Wells. One night, though, there was a price to pay. At the climax of the opera the Showman has to intervene in a prize fight. James Johnston in the title role, a butcher before he became a tenor, landed Dowling an unfortunate blow in the ribs which caused him

to retire hurt for some weeks. Despite his versatility, Dowling was not cut out to be an heroic baritone and Verdi was avoided. His strength was in comedy, where his perfect timing and diction could be out to best use.

Rossini was the natural vehicle. He excelled in the title role of a famous production of The Barber of Seville, directed by Tyrone Guthrie. Taddeo in The Italian Girl in Algiers followed, as did Dandini in Cenerentola. The latter performance was among his finest, matched perhaps by a suave Malatesta in Don Pasquale and the monocled peer, Earl Mountararat, in Gilbert and Sullivan's tolanthe.

Denis Dowling was the son of a New Zealand sheep farmer. He left school at 15 and worked on the farm, supplementing the family's meagre income as a part-time Post Office engineer and, more importantly, by singing.

Dowling's first stage role

was in Planche's now almost forgotten operetta, Les Cloches de Corneville. In 1934 he won the Melbourne Sun Aria Competition and the next year made his way to London, where he was awarded a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music. There he caught the eve of Lilian Baylis in the Academy's production of Nicolai's The Merry Wives of Windsor, conducted by Sir Malcolm Sargent.

During the war he was commissioned in the Royal Artillery and took part in the D-Day landings, but not before he had appeared in a few concert parties, including one at which he met his future wife, Phyllis. After demobilisation he spent a brief period with the English Opera Group, appearing in The Rape of Lucretia and Albert

Herring.
Possibly influenced by his time in the Army, Denis Dowling was becoming a thoroughgoing English gen-tleman. His accent and diction were as immaculate as his bearing. Off stage he favoured blazers of a military cut and his manner, as he went into middle age, could be a bit gruff. He was totally devoted to the principle of opera in English, insisting that performance was about communication and that communication was only possible when the audience heard and understood every word.

Towards the end of his time with the English National Opera, Dowling devoted himself more and more to teaching. There were occasional memory lapses on stage, including a famous one as Mountararat when, asking What party we claim to belong to he turned with great dignity to the chorus for help with the next line.

Dowling wisely chose to concentrate on small roles in which he could use all his very considerable stagecraft. As vocal adviser to the company he was a stickler for clear diction and proper etiquette on stage. However, his New Zealand roots were never forgotten. He was ready to reminisce about his early days as "The Singing Farmer", riding horseback across the fields with a sackful of poisoned carrot slices destined to keep down the rabbit population.

His wife Phyllis survives him.



Professor Donaid Earl, Professor of Classics at Hulf University, 1978-88, died of liver cancer on August 20 aged 65. He was born on February 11, 193I.

IT WAS the melancholy distinction of Donald Earl to be the last holder of the chair of Classics at the University of Hull. The department closed in 1988 in a programme of cutbacks in which, ironically, he was compelled to assist. The closure was of a piece with a trend which had seen the Classics in terminal decline in those years, giving way to the undemanding new topic "classical studies", which requires no application to the language and, hence, to all intents and

purposes, to the literature or philosophy of the Greeks and Romans.

Before that, Earl had demonstrated his worth as a scholar of Latin, and of Roman History, through his four books, whose subjects spanned the life and thought of the last hundred years of the republic and the first decades of the principate of Augustus.

Born in Cambridge, Donald Charles Earl attended Cambridgeshire High School for Boys and, after National Service, went up to St Catharine's College, Cambridge, where he took a first in both parts of the Classical Tripos. He then started his research on Sallust under A. H. MacDonald, and this led to his PhD which was later to form the basis for his

first book, The Political Thought of Sallust. Earl moved to the Latin

department at Leeds University in 1955. He spent a year in Evanstown, Illinois, at North-Western University during his time at Leeds and wrote his four books in this period also. Besides The Political Thought of Sallust, which appeared in 1961, he published *Tiberius* Gracchus (1963), The Moral and Political Tradition of Rome (1967) and The Age of Augustus (1968). Together these books consti-

tuted something approaching the framework of a survey (although they did not, of course, pretend to be a comprehensive one, since individually they covered completely separate topics) of the shift which took place in the psychology of Roman society between the age of the Gracchi and the adjustment which allowed Octavius Caesar to become, as Augustus, undisputed master of the Roman imperium. That Octavius could achieve this without offending the republican sensitivities of the Roman Senate and people (as his uncle Julius had done with results fatal to himself) was just one of the byproducts of the age explored

by Earl. He was able, especially in The Moral and Political Tradition of Rome, to show that the essential Roman virtues of gloria, libertas and dignitas were perceived by the Romans as having survived the transition from a republic to what was to become an autocracy. In 1978 he moved to Hull to

take up the chair of Classics there. But he was to occupy it for only ten years. Towards the end of 1987, Hull decided to close its Classics department down. With the fate of the discipline sealed, its scholars

looked to other (though shrinking) pastures. Never-theless, as his erstwhile colleagues and students drifted away. Earl, who decided to stay, engaged himself with good grace in the development of the new courses on the Classics in translation, which replaced the Classics proper. In the meantime he had become Dean of Arts in 1984 and was twice re-elected. During this time, he was

also elected chairman of the Council of University Classical Departments. Although in retirement after 1988, he continued to teach Roman history at Hull part-time - courses which were much appreciated by the new race of Classical Studies students (as well, of course, by the few Classics students who had not yet finished their degrees at the time of the abolition of the discipline). He was also engaged as Pro-Vice-Chancellor. an office he held until 1991.

Both his marriages were dissolved and he is survived by the three daughters and two sons of his first marriage.



Denis Dowling as Don Alfonso and Iris Kells as Despina in Cosi fan tutte at Sadler's Wells

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KARLSRUHE, West Germany

Lord Dilhome, the Lord Chancellor, today described as a "libel on the judges" a recent suggestion by Mr. Harold Wilson, Leader of the Opposition, that the British Government were improperly influencing the judiciary. In an address to members of the west German Federal Court here, Lord Dilhone said:

"Judges, whether they be of the High Court or of the county court, have security of tenure. However embarrassing their conduct may be to the government of the day, they will not run any risk of losing their offices. They are independent of the Executive and the Executive has no control over them. Recently a leading politician in the United Kingdon not, I may say, a member of my party but an opponent of the Government - thought it right to allege in a speech that the Executive, the Government, were influencing the judic iary in the discharge of their duties. There is nor a shred of justification for this charge, which in fact constitutes a libel on the judges.

"There was a time, many years ago, that a Labour Government fell because it was thought to have interfered in the conduct of a

#### ON THIS DAY

**September 25, 1963** 

Lord Dilhorne, the Lord Chancellor, said that it was a "libel on the judges" when Harold Wilson, the Opposition Leader, suggested that the Government was improperly influencing the judiciary

prosecution in the courts, and it may be that this leading politician, with memories of that, thought it would be a useful stick with which to beat the Government and to my to engineer its fall by alleging that the Executive was influencing the judiciary in the discharge of their duties. In my country the judges are independent of the Executive and not subject to the influence of the Executive. If I were to be asked what I thought was the Lord Chancellor's chief job. I should tell you without hesitation that it was to preserve the independence of the judiciary, to make absolutely certain that the judges of the land are completely independent, and to protect them

from every attempt, however indirect, to undermine that independence." Lord Dilhorne, who is paying a four-day visit to west Germany, called earlier today on the burgomaster of Cologne, Herr Theo Burauen, and signed the city's golden book.

**ACADEMY FIND 24 DRAWINGS** BY STUBBS Twenty-four hitherto unrecorded drawings by

the English artist, George Stubbs (1724-1806), have come to light during the preparations for the Royal Academy's forthcoming exhibition. They are studies in various media for The Anatomy of the Horse, the great book of engravings published in 1766 which made Stubbs's name both as anatomist and as artist, and which launched him on his career as a painter of horses. A whole series of these preparatory drawings had been bequeathed to the Royal Academy in 1879 by Charles Landscer, the brother of Sir Edwin Landscer, who had bought them over 50 years before from their first owner. For some reason no record of the total number of drawings in the bequest had been entered in the Academy's archives, and though 18 were selected for mounting, the fact that another 24, un-mounted, still existed in a portfolio in the Academy library, was foreon

Channel 4's gritty eccentricity can't afford shareholders

# An unsuitable case for privatisation

**BRENDA** 

hat's so special about Channel he defied me to explain what all the fuss over privatisation was about Where does this supposed distinctiveness lie? He would not take the Channel 4 Seven O'Clock News for

The point about Channel 4 cannot be made by singling out any single programme. You see things on it that you would not see on any other channel. One has the feeling that not quite so many lawyers and fact-checkers have vetted anything controversial on Channel 4, that its gays and lesbians are less scrubbed up and matey than BBC2's, and that its bought-in American material is bolder.

What's special is the way Channel 4 is paid for. Its "remit" is not fiction, but regulatory fact. Nowhere else in

the world (letters, please, if I'm wrong) can an advertising-supported commercial television channel be forced by law to be unpopular - that is, to seek out the nooks and crannies of special interests and address those.

I find it hard to take the spectre of privatisation seriously. Where's the threat coming from? Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, is not keen on it. Anyway, there's no time left in the present Parliament Any change in the

status of Channel 4 would require a new Broadcasting Bill. MPs are still limp with exhaustion from the one just passed. And can you imagine the Labour Party

call for privatising Channel 4, when it has set its face against more privatisation? Tony Blair has even written to Channel 4 to say . . . Well, as Blair's actual letter has not been published, reports vary as to the extent of the reassurance he has offered Horseferry Road. But it hardly matters. There are no votes in Channel 4 for either main party.

Yet the campaign to save the channel is real enough. PACT, the television producers' association, is lobbying its members to protest to their MPs. The Campaign for Quality Television will plead at the Labour Party conference that privatisation should not be allowed to happen. And the emotional performance turned in by Michael Grade, Channel 4's chief executive, at the Edinburgh Television Festival, made it seem as if the sell-off was just around the corner.

Is all this effort a mere pre-emptive strike? The ardent defenders say no way: that they are gearing up against a terrifyingly real threat that began in the back rooms of 10 Downing Street and is now alive and well and living in the Treasury.

According to their nightmare scenario, no party needs propose the privatisation. Instead, proceeds from a putative sell-off could slip into the Treasury's Red Book of future income and expenditure. Then Blair comes into power, looks at the books and pronounces that the mess is far worse than he expected and, with regret, that he is unable to forgo expected revenues. Ergo, Channel 4 ends up sold, privatised by stealth and

Still, I'm doubtful. Channel 4 would be privatised over the dead bodies of the two other commercial terrestrial channels. ITV, a.k.a. Channel 3, doesn't want Channel 4 set free to compete for the mainstream audience and advertisers. ITV is already worried about Channel 5, which has worries enough of its own. Hoping to come on air next January, February, June or July, or whenev-

er it has retuned a sufficient number of the nation's videos. Channel 5 will have trouble enough building an audience without having Channel 4 wandering into its path.

Perhaps the best safeguard is that no one knows what the channel is worth. A City merchant banker speaking at Edinburgh ventured that the channel is worth far less than the £1.5 to 2 billion being headily talked about.

MADDOX Let's hope that the idea is too impractical to get off the ground. For, as the Campaign to Save the World Service told the Foreign Office last week in a defence against a far more real threat "The damage will be irreversible."

Should Channel 4 lose its statutory corporation status, I'll bet that Sir Robin would notice the difference. Perhaps Channel 4 should woo him for an alternative Ouestion Time. He retired too soon.

the only time I ever heard the classic cry "Hold the front page!", a priest was responsible. It was on the improbably-named Quincy, Massachusetts. Patriot-Ledger, an afternoon suburban daily south of Boston. Just before the second edition, we heard that the fire department of a major town in the paper's circulation area had been called to the rectory of the local Catholic church. A few minutes later came the news that the fire was rather bigger than expected, then that a body had been found, then that it was the pastor

A hush settled over the usually boisterous newsroom. The emerging picture - a smouldering pipe fallen from a somnolent hand after a glass or two or three at lunch offered a glimpse into the loneliness of daily

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The launch next Tuesday of a directory on HIV and Aids, sponsored by GlaxoWellcome, makers of the Aids drug AZT, offers no fancy menus or vintage champagne. Instead, GlaxoWellcome promises to donate £50 for every journalist who attends to the Aids charity, Crusaid, which is

organising the event. No definition of a journalist is offered in the invitation. which comes from the PR company Burson-Marsteller. All Aids supporters, pens at the ready, are therefore advised to attend the informa-

tion Exchange at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, in west London, at 7pm on Tuesday October 1, and see their £50 cheques safely paid over.

The invitation does not wholly eschew the usual hospitality: it promises that the presentation will be short followed by "a chance for refreshments".

NOW that Express Newspa-pers have unleashed the firing squad to carry out the 85 sackings in the wake of the "seven-day" merger between the Daily Express and the Sunday Express, it is good to hear that the staff have not lost their sense of humour. After watching a stream of their friends and colleagues

being called in and given their tickets to the knacker's yard, they have come up with a new nickname for Richard Addis, Editor of the Daily Express. He is now affectionately known as "Adios".

Making the news BBC viewers could soon be treated to a snazzy new-look Six O'Clock News and Nine O'Clock News. If the growing rumours at the Beeb are to be believed, a major relaunch is being considered to play News at Ten at its own game.



McDonald: in demand

The brains at BBC News. already keen to poach Trevor McDonald, have circulated a memo floating the idea of popularising the news with special themed programmes. surveys and more personality newscasters. But the workforce are concerned it will be a move downmarket. An insider said: "Most people think there is too much heavy foreign and economic coverage but let's not turn it into John Craven's Newsround."

THE National Lottery's resident clairvoyant, Mystic Meg. has apparently been showing unnerving accuracy of late. According to Camelot, her



Mystic Meg: accurate?

prophecies, made live every week on the BBC's Saturday night lottery show, have shown an astonishing number of correct predictions".

As evidence for this phe nomenon Camelot reveals that one week Meg said she could sense the names Carol and Chris and the police would be relevant. Spookily, Amanda Long, from Birmingham, who won £104,822 that week, is a police administration officer and, wait for it, had colleagues called Carol and Chris.

But perhaps Camelot's most desperate effort to stimulate falling ticket sales is this little gem: in March Meg

predicted winners cheques bearing the names Tim and Irene. Lo and behold Irene McBeath from Hartlepool was duly named as the recipient of a £38,000 win. Ian Davies, from Kent, also picked up an identical amount. There was no sign of a winner called Tim. "In fact." Camelot says. "Tim was a cat owned by Mr Davies."

#### Slicing tackle

MUCH gnashing of teeth can Wharf these days. In order to finance the Daily Mirror's flashy new giveaway magazine Football Mania, staff have been told that all editorial budgets must be sliced in half to save at least £500,000 by January (ie., no foreign jollies and no big expenses

The Mirror Group's management makes no apologies for its draconian cuts. Whingers, it says, can like it or lump it. But perhaps the news would have been fractionally more palatable had it not been announced on the day that news emerged that David Montgomery, chief executive of Mirror Group, had netted £1.1 million by cashing in 550 shares in the company, a profit of £608,000.

# Are Labour's plans going up in smoke?



Nigel Griffiths: letter to agencies

AS THE general election looms, Tony Blair and his party are busily drawing together their policies on advertising and readdressing their hitherto rather colourful pledges - in case they actually get into power and have to act

on them. Nigel Griffiths, the Labour spokesman on consumer affairs, has invited major agencies to help to shape the party's policy on ad regulation. Mr Griffiths has sent out a letter indicating his own desire to reduce the number of laws controlling advertising and suggests those interested might like to meet on October 14 to discuss the issue. At the same time, Labour's muchvaunted stance on banning tobacco ads

is, perhaps not surprisingly, coming under particular scrutiny. Mr Blair is being "made aware" of how any ad ban would lead to massive job cuts within the tobacco industry, while his attention is also being focused on whether the proposed ban should encompass sponsorship - a special

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worry for the sports industry because of the loss of vital revenues it would

ARGUABLY the biggest advertising campaign ever is being staged on behalf of Inmarsat. a satellite communications system which enables people to send faxes from deserts and make phone calls from the tops of mountains, should they so wish.

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The ads also promote the supposed necessity for people in far-flung places to get linked up to the system. At no less than \$2.000 a handset, the work

will no doubt be targeting the higher end of the socio-economic scale.

MORE news on TV shows about advertising. While BBCI continues with its excruciating Tuesday night series After The Break, Hat Trick Productions is planning an altogether more classy programme.

The company behind Have I Got *News For You* is planning a similarly irreverent comedy panel show that will poke appropriate fun at all aspects of the world of ads. With a working title The Ad Game, it will run initially for seven weeks next year.

A test run took place last Tuesday with none other than Trevor Beattie, advertising's very own rent-a-quote. Whether he becomes a fixture has yet to be decided, but a Hat Trick spokesman said that they will be regularly seeking willing guinea-pigs. sorry, participants, from the industry.

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# Television ads we have loved — and one we have hated: from left, Tango orange drink, Levi's jeans, Bodyform sanitary towels, and the revolutionary I Can't Believe It's Not Butter . . . margarine with its memorable mad cows I can't believe it's not better

Many TV adverts are boring and predictable because clients ignore what the professionals tell them, says Ruth Nicholas

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following television advertisement is familiar to all of us. Woman with strangely serene expression hands chambermaid a life-changing sanitary towel, later seen climbing into the back of a car wearing paper-thin white shorts to the strains of "Waaaaahh ... Bodyform". The theme tune has the same effect as someone scraping their fingernails down a blackboard and the plot is memorable for being so unrealistic.

Elsewhere, in a luxury kitchen, one woman demonstrates to another the amazing cleaning power of Daz/Persil/

Surf soap powder and the second pledges to buy it. Every now and then, a man in 'American a white coat pops up to deliver the scientific explanation in grave tones. In the bathroom. voman with beautiful hair gets excitabout her

shampoo, then swishes her head over here' about a lot or, afternatively, a beauty endorsement of the brand from her swivel chair.

Mass market products are responsible for the most irripatronising advertising on television which begs the question: why do they do it?

If advertising agencies are to be believed, it is because that is the way the clients like it. "American companies are the worst," says Malcolm Gaskin, a former agency creative director. They think that what works in the US, ramming home the buy-this-andyou-will-be-a-better-person proposition, will work here. It doesn't. We have a much more

visual tradition. Hiring an agency and refusing to accept its recommendations appears to be the course steered by many multinationals, Andrew Cracknell, Ammirati Puris Lintas chairman and executive creative director, believes that "clients just don't take advertising agencies as seriously as they

Many clients want the old favourite they have always had, an advert which has worked well in one of their

ain, although remnants of

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has shown his mettle in the

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many markets. Often their agencies are forced to redub or recut old films. Marketing directors want the safe option because they tend to be the most expendable member of the management team. "Some of our treatment is down to the pressures and internal politicking that marketers suffer. says Cracknell. "It is one of the few walks of life that is so public. Marketers are like football managers: three lost games on the trot and you're out, two bad commercials and

Other clients do not understand the process of advertising. "Clients get terribly cross and frustrated because adver-

rather simple business. After all, it is only coming up with an idea, isn't it? They don't understand the process behind it and the sheer amount of effort and talent that really good advertising requires," says Chris Powell, BMP DDB chief

Newspapers, he notes, are among the worst clients. "They really can't understand why you are labouring, or how you can take so they are used to producing reams of the stuff every day." he says. "What they don't understand is that you are trying to distil the essence of their offer and that it is imperative you get it right

get it wrong. include Levi's and Tango who, creative and experimental, now have some of the most memorable televison adver-

all over again tomorrow if you

Fostering understanding between clients and agencies is vital, he says. It is to this end that marketers are subjected to four days of advertising hell in the Creative Circle role reversal course, which took place ten days ago. Delegates are made to conceive, script, cast and film a television campaign

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before you commit their money to it. Unlike them, you don't have the chance to do it

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tisements ever made.



clients from hell, played by creative directors including Cracknell and Gaskin.

The atmosphere is wall-to-wall hys-. teria, but the experience seems to work. "It is very easy to get divorced from what your agency is doing when you work in

a big company," says a delegate from a blue chip company. "I had no idea how emotional it all is. You really believe in that idea you have spent blood, sweat and tears

working on." Whether delegates' newfound passion for advertising can be sustained back in the bureaucracy, politics and pressures of their marketing de-

partments remains 'Clients get to be seen. And there is another matter to be taken into account: dull advertising still

because sells product. Marketing mag-azine's poll of the doing ads UK's most disliked seems to television ads last year had Chicken be simple' Tonight, Daz Automatic, the National

very cross

Lottery, J Can't Believe It's Not Butter and Ferrero Rocher in the top five slots. They are all hugely

successful brands. Daz has used the same formula, entitled "Daz ladies talk about Daz", for almost 30 years. It may be one of the most loathed, but the campaign has won industry-recog-nised effetiveness awards for its ability to shift soap powder

to a certain sort of woman. Well established and consistently advertised brands such as Daz benefit from years of familiarity or residual advertising recall. The biggest brands have the biggest budgets, therefore the greatest opportunity to ram their message home through sheer

The margarine with the ridiculous name, at number four in Marketing's survey, has captured a 7 per cent share of the market since launch five years ago with its mad cows campaign. I Can't Believe ... is actually a rare example of a mass market brand opting for mould-breaking advertising: it was the first time a margarine had taken a really "in your face" approach. It was different and it got the brand noticed. Is it good advertising?

The shareholders do not care.

by Fleet Street at the next

general election would be

His wish will be granted.

certainly by the Daily Ex-

press but also I suspect by The Sun and the Daily Mail. The Mail group may have its

doubts about the nightmare

behind Blair. But he has

been wined and dined by

Lord Rothermere and his

editors, they are impressed and there will be no personal

attacks on him as leader. Nor

will there be any "Nightmare

on Blair Street" in The Sun

which could - just, conceiv-

ably - even tip over to Blair

on election day. That would

certainly reflect its readers'

views: 60 per cent, according

# How PR firms lobby for foreign governments

Simon Brooke reports on the growing trend for agencies to take on political campaigning accounts

Travitas is a not a word Jusually associated with public relations officers. Even the most enthusiastic PR would have to admit their trade is more popularly aligned with frothy press releases and petiood launches.

But a trend is making PR a much more serious business. More and more British-based consultancies are being assigned to represent a wide range of foreign governments and political parties cam-

paigning in general elections. Edward Bickham, public affairs head at Hill & Knowlton (UK), has seen a steady growth in this area of work. There is," he says, "an understanding by some foreign governments that their diplomatic corps may be extremely polished and able diplomats but not always communication professionals."

Laura Sandys of Laura Sandys Associates (LSA), which has recently been hired to work for a Hong Kong prodemocracy group, says: "The UK is one of the natural places to come. We have one of the most sophisticated communications industries in Europe so organisations looking to audiences in the UK or in their own countries come here." LSA's other clients have included the Peruvian Government, which wanted to promote its environmental

"International PR companies have always offered their services to governments, but in the new world order there are a lot more countries trying to play ball in the global economy to attract inward investment," says an industry insider. There are now many more seeking admission to the industrialised world and trying to legitimise themselves."

Pakistan, and advised the Inkatha Freedom Party on campaigning in the South African elections in June. Parliamentary Liaison, a small firm consisting of former Central Office staff, has provided campaigning expertise for political parties fighting elections in countries as various as the new democracies of Eastern Europe, African states and

As well as representing foreign governments and organisations in London, British PR firms and lobbyists act as consultants to political parties in their own countries. Ian Green Associates, the well-established Westminster lobbying from works in London for the



Green: campaign advice

In the United States, representing a foreign interest is well-established aspect in PR and public affairs work. APCO Associates, which reoresents the Hong Kong and Polish Governments at its Washington office. wants to develop similar work

in London, a source confirms. However, experience in America also shows how PR consultancies can expose themselves to risks. During the Gulf War, Hill & Knowlton provided Kuwaiti expatriates to give evidence to congressional committes about atrocities by Iraqi troops in Kuwait in an attempt to persuade Middle America that it was right for the US to send troops to the aid of Kuwait. However effective the campaign, there were concerns about PR consultancies ap-

vicing foreign groups and governments is similar to that provided for domestic commercial clients. According to one senior director at a multinational agency's London office: "It doesn't require a different mindset to work for a company. The best PR is about winnowing out the good stories and bringing them to journalists' attention.' Laura Sandys also provides

introductions to target groups for many of her foreign clients. \*We contact opinion-formers and those with business connections. In London Hill & Knowlton's clients have included the

Government of Brazil (generally looking to present a more positive image). Botswana (promoting its environmental nitiatives), Angola (improving its postwar image) and the Czech Republic (establishing itself after its split from Slovakia). Hill & Knowlton has been working for the Government of Turkey - "a fascinating and challenging account" says Bickham, "because Turkey is a major democracy and a Western ally operating in a difficult part of the world, but which gets a much worse press than it deserves."

The relationship between a PR consultancy and a client which takes the form of a foreign government is, how-ever, different from the relationship when that client is a commercial organisation.

Bickham explains: "With commercial clients, you can quite often have an effect on policy; with foreign governments you are generally working with a policy on which you can have no influence at all. You also have to be particularly careful to remain absolutely accurate to the established political line."

Embassies are very often the cornerstone of this work, he finds. "Even if the contract is with the government in the national capital, there is no point in a PR agency rushing around and doing things other

#### t a cost of at least £2 Express seeks new million to £3 million. more than 80 journalists have been fired from the Daily Express and Sunday Express. The journalists who middle ground remain are working on the most ambitious project in Fleet Street — the conversion of the two titles into a sevenday paper. Seven-day papers have never worked in Britand the story was continued



over. Meanwhile, there is a new spring in the step of the Express. It is running 32 pages of sport on Mondays. against 20 in the Mail, and was much quicker in realising the news potential of the Runcie biography.

Hollick acknowledges the tremendous success" of the Mail, but says it is getting long in the tooth and has a set of attitudes (anti-single mothers, anti-Europe) cast in tablets of stone. He thinks it will be difficult for the Mail to change as it confronts the newly positioned, freer-thinking, more radical Express

Street - Lord Rothermere and Sir David English, chair-Since Hollick took the man and chief executive of helm, the most interesting the Daily Mail and The Mail development at the Daily on Sunday. As the Daily Express, which adored Mar-Mail was quick to point out. garet Thatcher, despised Neil sales of the Daily Express Kinnock, always stuck the have fallen by 123,000 copies boot into Labour and which a day in the ten months since was so reliably Tory that it Addis, until then one of the

Central Office leaks, has been the increasing fairness of its reporting of Tony Blair and the Labour Party. It was to the Daily Express

that Tony Blair announced Labour's new policy on health; it was for the Daily Express that he did a readers' phone-in; and the Daily Express now reports Labour with a fairness that would have been astonishing a year ago, especially in a newspaper - according to MORI which is second only to The Daily Telegraph in the proportion of readers - 51 per cent - who plan to vote

There were two examples on the rival front pages last week. On Tuesday the Mail led on the success of Peter Lilley's fraud hotline for dole cheats. The main story for the Express was: "Blair Labour is good for you — pledge on lower taxes and more inhs" —

On the previous Friday

at length on page two. both papers led on Labour and the unions. The Mail beadline was: "Union blunder rocks Labour." Labour, said the Mail, had been plunged into "turmoil" by reports that Blair was ready to sever links with the

The spin was different in the Express, where Blair was portrayed as planning his biggest election gamble. "Labour to dump unions" was the main headline. There was no "turmoil" in the Express. Instead Blair, in the "greatest reform" in the party's history, was prepared to gamble on his most bitter showdown yet with his traditional rank-and-file.

t the past three elections, the three main Tory tabloids - The Sun, the Daily Mail and Daily Express — seized every opportunity to dump on Labour and derided Michael Foot and Neil Kinnock. At a forum organised by The Times. Dillons and the publisher Fourth Estate last week, Blair said he hoped

to MORI, intend to vote Labour against only 25 per cent for the Tories. Although about one in two of the readers of both the Daily Express and the Daily Mail say that they intend to vote against the Tories, it is unlikely that either will advise readers to vote Labour.

Whatever the personal inclinations of Hollick, the Express has been in business as a Tory paper so long that the switch would be seen as too sudden. It would, however, be an opportunity to appeal to a different segment of Middle England than the Mail and Addis could yet surprise us all.

The good news for Blair. however, is that Labour will get fairer reporting at the imminent general election than it has been given by the editors of the Tory tabloids

# The phone in your pocket comes of age

Chris Partridge highlights the developments that

will stretch the networks to all corners of the Earth

¶he mobile phone industry is growing up. After ten years of explosive change, a period of stability has begun; the mobile phone is now an ordinary tool of business. four competitors.

Vodafone, Cellnet, Orange and One-2-One, all offer very broadly comparable services and coverage areas, and price structures are now relatively consistent. The move to the new digital networks is pro-

But another round of dramatic technical changes is on the way. Some will be evolu-tionary, such as the introduction of a wide range of data services including mobile email; others will be revolutionary, such as satellite mobile phones that will be usable anywhere on the surface of the

The current change is from the analogue Tacs system to the pan-European GSM digi-tal system. Digital was very expensive when it was launched, with costly handsets and high call charges. The advent of the aggressive and innovative Orange changed that, and prices are now down to levels that reflect good value given the much improved signal quality of digital.

The main advantage for the business user is that GSM phones can be used over most of Europe, Australia and South Africa; this is both convenient and highly cost effective compared to using hotel phones. The big gap, however, is America, where a complete failure to sort out digital policy has resulted in several incompatible systems

vying for supremacy. The ability to roam between networks and over national boundaries will be further enhanced next year with the arrival of dual standard phones able to work on high frequency PCNs (Orange and One-2-One) and on lower frequency GSM networks (Vodafone and Celinet).

GSM's other major benefit for business users is the data system, allowing a notebook computer to be linked to the phone to send and receive email, swap data with the office computer or even surf the Internet. At present, the hardware needed to connect to data is expensive.But soon, phones with built-in chips for linking to computers will appear.

Already the mobile networks are beginning to carry significant volumes of data and analysts expect data to account for about half the

NEC's G8: the company's first GSM mobile phone

traffic on the cellular networks by the end of the century.

For the cellular industry, going digital will make much more capacity available and analogue services are expected to wither rapidly, and close early in the next century.

The next step will be the satellite mobile phone. Currently, even the most advanced satellite phones, such as the new BT/Telenor Mobig. are briefcase size and need to be pointed at the right sector of the sky. This will change with the launch of a new generation of low Earth orbit (Leo) satellites over the next few years.

Leos are constellations of small satellites moving rapidly over the Earth at heights of between 400 and 6,000 nautical miles. Although they will several will be visible at any one time so a line will always he available.

The big player here is Iridi-um, pushed by the communications hardware giant Motorola and an international consortium including Cable and Wireless in the UK. Iridium plans to launch 66 satellites at a cost of more than \$3 billion; they are due to become operational late in 1998, although many observers believe this is optimistic. Both handsets and calls are likely to be expensive, but the use of dual-standard phones that will search for an avail-

able cellular line before con-

necting to the satellite will help

to keep running costs down. Next in line is Globalstar, planning 48 birds (satellites) at cost of \$1.6 billion, with commercial services starting some time after Iridium. Both handsets and calls will be cheaper. More services are projected, but the huge cost of a satellite constellation and its associated ground stations will limit the number to two or

three at the most. Satellite services will bring telephone lines to the ends of the Earth. This is not a prospect that appeals to the romantic explorer, or to the radio astronomers who will no longer be able to do any significant observation from Earth-bound radio telescopes the new satellites will effectively blind them.

For the phone user, however, it will be the ultimate system - instant availability wherever you are. Mobile phones will also soon be more accessible on the ground: Jan Peters, new chief executive of One-2-One, plans to place its phones in supermarkets, DIY stores, even chemists.

The police take a dim view of drivers using a handset, says Andrew Emmerson



Caught in the act . . . police, themselves armed with pagers, are on the lookout for drivers who use cellphones at the wheel

view of drivers who think they can control a car while clasping a cellphone to their ear. You risk not only your own life but also those of other motorists. Yet the temptation can be strong: the phone rings, the road looks clear so your hand reaches for the phone resting on ... where has it got to?

Not only is this dangerous, as motoring organisations and police forces agree; it is unnecessary. Low-cost car kits can turn almost any personal phone into a hands-free model. More sophisticated systems are also available. Malcolm Hanson of the

specialist company ORA. which supplies a third of all cellphone accessories sold in Britain, says: "The car kits on the market range from simple cradles that just hold the phone within reach to complete systems that power the phone, provide hands-free microphone, speech amplifier and loudspeaker, and also link up to a more powerful external aerial. The simple universal cradles are designed to fit all popular handsets, but if you want the full works with hands-free speech, it has to be tailored to your particular model. It will need specialist fitting, too, whereas the basic

kits are a simple DIY job." Choosing the right car kit is not difficult. You could stick to the brand with your phone's name on, but you can easily pay over the odds. There are several specialist accessory

# Holding the line on safety

firms supplying quality goods at lower prices. On the other hand, And most of the cheap, no-name ones in plain white boxes are highly suspect. Stick with quality makes that in-clude informative user litera-

ture and are here to stay. How much should you pay? Car kits are good value, but do not expect bargain-basement prices - you cannot put a price on safety. A phone that sells for £49 is heavily subsidised, but its accessories are not. The really basic hang-up holsters start from £20 and you could pay £800 for a system with voice-recognition that dials the number you command it to Reckon on £300-plus for a fully handsfree kit (plus installation) but less than £100 for something that still gives you most useful functions. For instance, ORA now makes the TravelTalk, which combines a microphone, a speaker and a charging power cord in one. Also included in the £80 price is a

a phone holder, all of which can be transferred from one vehicle to another if required. If you don't expect to make many calls on the move, a lower cost holster will keep the phone accessible and you could pull in off the road when phoning. It's an even better investment if you expect to change cellphone because all popular brands will fit in the same cradle.

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the advantage of a power lead, which charges your phone's battery, and connection to an improve reception. Though personal phones work quite well inside cars, the metal body shields some of the signal and an antenna on the roof or wing of the vehicle is much more efficient.

Whatever the price of going hands-free, the alternative could cost you dearly. Certain down on drivers seen using holding cellphones. The M40 is being targeted and the penalties could be high. Rule 43 of the Highway Code warns drivers against using hand-held telephones or microphones while driving. And moving on to the hard shoulder to take a call is allowed only in

Ithough holding a mobile phone at the wheel is not in itself an offence, it could render you liable to prosecution for driving while not in proper control or without due care and attention — maximum fine £5,000. If that is not bad enough, you could also fall foul of government telecommunication

Fully hands-free car kits need official certification, so look out for the green circle approval mark; it shows the kit has passed necessary technical tests. Remarkably, it's not illegal to sell unapproved equipment — but it is to use it.

Consider your insurance, too — mobile phones and accidents go together. An Institute of Insurance Brokers study of accidents suggests that drivers with a phone are 34 per cent more likely to have an accident.

So the cost of fitting a car kit looks a bargain. For less than £100, you can avoid the costly risk of a dangerous-driving case or - heaven forbid causing a motorway pile-up.

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# **Know the score** with text service

Jane Bird on the growing use of phone-screens to relay data

Take a skiing holiday this winter and you might miss your favourite football team's big match. But carry a mobile phone and you could get the result displayed on its screen from a Swiss moun-

tain top. Alternatively, you could check the latest moves on the Stock Exchange from a Mediterranean beach, or you could get a statement of your bank halance in the Black Forest.

These are all examples of text and data services now becoming available on digi-tal mobile phones. Most phones can send and receive text messages of 160 characters. You can tap out a quick note to a friend using a combination of the phone's numeric keys, or dial one of the growing range of information services. If your phone is not switched on when someone sends you a message, the network will keep trying to deliver it for 72 hours.

Vodafone began experi-menting with football results during the Euro 96 matches, offering half and full-time scores of all games. The experiment proved so successful that it is now continuing the service for this season's

Premiership. The Co-operative Bank is leading the way with dial-up account details. Terry

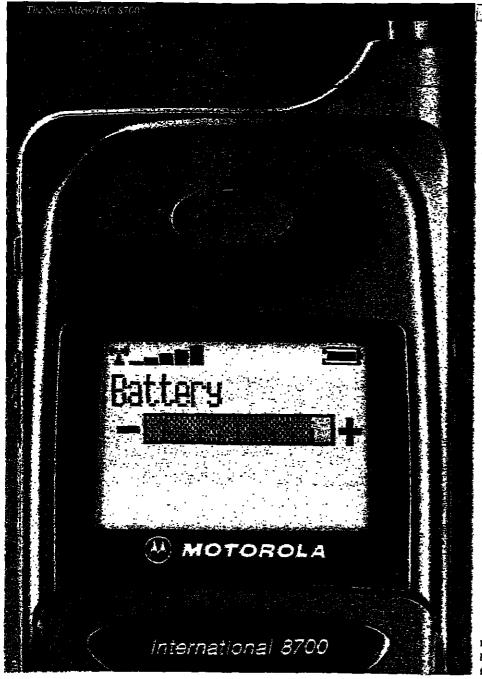
Thomas, the bank's managing director, says: "Customers can find out instantly if a cheque has been cleared or if they can afford to pay

for something."
Subscribers to London-based Market Data Centre can currently get the latest details on foreign exchange, futures, precious metals, and indices. The service is proving popular according to Jeremy Oates. Market Data's managing director. "We have found a hard core of users within the City, and a number of people who use the service

messages with each other or to send e-mail and faxes to computers and fax machines. This short message service (SMS) is useful in places where mobile phones are banned, such as restaurants and hospitals. When the message is received, it gives a short beep or displays an icon.

Martin Rowlett, an executive at Martin Humblin Research agency, has become an enthusiastic user of SMS. He spends a great deal of time travelling in central Europe. "It's perfect for simple messages, cheaper than conversations and for sending quick thankyou faxes, for example."

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# On the move and still talking

or those madeap people who travel round Australia who traver round on a camel or the world in a Mini, sail the oceans, and work in war zones or in the middle of a Formula One race-

track, mobile phones are a must. They keep people in touch with support teams and emergency serices. A mobile phone can provide voice communications or be connected to a laptop computer to send faxes, e-mail messages or link in to corporate databases. In developing countries, remote areas or whengeography makes the cost of building a fixed telephonic network prohibitive, GSM mobile phones are the only practical and reliable way international travellers can do business. Ovum, the telecoms analyst, estimates that in Europe alone about 30 million people are convinced of the value of a mobile and this number will grow at a rate of o0 per cent each year.

Combining his love of Minis with raising money for the Imper-

Round-the-world yachtsmen or even those driving to Australia can still keep in touch with a mobile phone, says Priscilla Awde

ial Cancer Research Fund, Duncan Mortimer and his wife Yawadee drove 12,000 miles round the world in their rebuilt 18-year-old car. The first thing I packed was my Nokia 2110 mobile which I linked up with a laptop and modern," he said. Throughout the five-month trip we had clear, instant communications with home and we were only a phone call away from spare parts. Apart from being cut off without warning by Vodaphone because of an unpaid bill which finally total-led 5800 and which we are still paying off, we had no problems."

John Treuthardt, a Formula One journalist, is able to bypass the £150 charge for a fixed phone link at Grand Prix sites to file stories around the world. Using the Nokia 2110 with a cellular data card gives him voice and data access to 40

networks worldwide. "Invaluable for the travelling business community, mobiles provide complete independence, he said. I can write and file stories from car parks or harbour fronts without wairing for an office to open."

caling with medical emergencies on the racetrack can be a communications nightmure, but course doctors equipped with a mobile phone can ring hospitals from an ambulance to find the best care for injured drivers.

travel 30,000 miles. Each of the skippers will use a Motorola GSM Computeraid recently sponsored two teams of six amateur drivers in mobile to phone and send data the 3,000-mile Cape to Cape Challenge from Norway to the southern tip of Spain. Raising money for back to the UK from ports as far away as Sydney and Cape Town. leukaemia research, the two cars and at least seven hours a day on used Motorola GSM phones to

in one place for long. He uses his mobile system to send performance and health data back to the team doctor after each race. "I download my heartrate data back to the doctor using a Motorola phone teamed with a PC card which allows me to send and receive e-mail, faxes and files via a laptop," he said, "From the information I send, he can monitor my rate of recovery

elop my training programme. I can also talk strategy with other team

his bicycle means Max Sciandri,

Britain's Olympic cyclist, is never

members wherever they are." Some mobile phones do not get such gentle treatment — as EAE, the Aberdeen supplier, can testify. "We have had handsets returned with bullet holes when used by charities in Bosnia, said John Loveday of EAE. "We also supply the offshore oilrigs where, provided they aren't further than 150 miles away, mobiles are a cheaper way of keeping in touch with land."



Ship to shore: Motorola yacht skipper Mark Lodge makes contact

Handsets and airtime are getting cheaper and facilities are improving. Clare Johnston reports

#### obile phones are bulky, costly, and can be intrusive. They may be difficult to oper-Turning the yuppie ate and, according to the toy into a necessity Consumers' Association in a survey published last February. 12 per cent need repairs for apparently no reason with-

in a year. Some people simply able," said Mr Zoldan, "Now But recent developments are changing all that. Handsets can cost a matter of pounds (or even come free with airtime) and, with improved quality

and slashed airtime prices. sales are increasing by about Ease of use is also impor-Since 1992, the UK penetration level has risen from 2 per cent to today's 10 per cent. said. For example, According to Adam Zoldan, the menu might be

industry analyst for personal communications at Dataquest rather than having Europe, by 2000 there will be an estimated 16 million UK mobile phone users. Andrew Press, commercial

manager at NEC, agreed that the market has changed beyand belief. "The yupple thing about having a mobile is old hat." he said. "Mobile phones are now seen simply as a communications tool.

wouldn't be seen with one.

50 per cent each year.

The increasing proportion of consumer users has forced manufacturers to reconsider handset design. Consumers typically emphasise cost and battery life, "Eight to ten hours of battery standby time, which means you have to recharge every day, is no longer accept-

estanding

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batteries last for 100-200 hours - a whole week." The Nokia 1610 digital phone provides up to seven hours of airtime and 200 hours of standby time far longer than anything else on the market.

tant. This doesn't mean that the feature set has to be less sophisticated," Mr Zoldan on just one level,

several sub levels." Motorola offers "Personality" software on many handsets, allowing you to build an individual

menu of functions, while Sony's CMD-ZI has a "jogdial", allowing the user to scan, select and activate the desired function using just one finger, instead of pushing various buttons.

Displays have become bigger and clearer. A few years ago, you had to plough through the instruction book: now, the phone itself will

prompt you. If you're unwilling to take business calls out of hours. StarTac (which is currently different ringing tones can distinguish particular callers, and if you don't want anyone else to hear you've got a call, many handsets will flash or vibrate rather than ring aloud. No more worries about a piercing tone jarring the effects of an important business

If carrying a mobile seems a

'By the year 2000 there will be an estimated 16 million mobile users in the UK'

> burden, the Motorola StarTac is the smallest and lightest handset available. In size, it is easy competition for traditional pagers, but at nearly £1,000, its cost is prohibitive for all but the most well-heeled.

> Motorola claims that, because StarTac is so attractive, many users will wear it as a fashion item on a belt, in a top pocket or even pendant-

According to Mr Zoldan, the

nience in the form of moderns for data, e-mail and faxing. The boundaries of mobile phone use are breaking down. But what happens when everyone who wants a cell phone only analogue) is for the has bought one and they are as image-conscious sector of the common as remote-controlled market — the people who carried around the "big bricks" of the 1980s. "You'd be televisions? "Universal personal tele-

ogy anyone has introduced."

Image-conscious

Novelty features are still being introduced and

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ly of little use. Take the

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communications" represents the next step, though it is crazy to spend that amount of money on the StarTac," he uncertain yet what form it will said, "unless you specifically take. Eriesson is testing a handset which acts as a cordwanted the smallest phone around." He added: "The marless phone in the office or ket isn't analogue any more home, then switches to the and for around the GSM network when you're same price, you could buy the Nokia out and about. With just one number, it can be used on the 9000 Communicafixed or cellular networks, but tor, which is possibly it will probably not be availthe most sophisticatable until 1997. Phones which switch between digital neted piece of technol-

works are also on the cards. However, whether we will need the fixed network at all is another matter. Mobile phones, unlike fixed phones, can be used anywhere and price is dropping all the time.

Business users have tradi-

essories offer increased conve-

StarTac's call delay, which programmes the dialler to Other innovations include dual-mode handsets that can wait up to 99 minutes before be switched between cellular and satellite systems, which extra value but are often mean that by 2000 users will enjoyed only by techno-aware be confident of service anywhere worldwide, regardles of roaming agreements, holes in coverage or system incompatibilities.

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■ John Major was desperately struggling to prevent Cabinet unity disintegrating after a Foreign Office Minister, in an astonishing breach of government rules, publicly attacked Kenneth Clarke over his stance on a European single currency.

The Prime Minister launched a damage-limitation exercise after Sir Nicholas Bonsor fuelled the Tory turmoil over Europe by accusing the Chancellor of straying from government policy in his statement that it would be "pathetic" for Britain to dither over entry to a single currency and then try to join ......Page 1

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The IRA suspect Diarmuid O'Neill may not have been armed when he was shot dead by police on Monday. Scotland Yard sources said that a marksman had opened fire, fearing that he was about to be fired on...

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A woman made an impassioned plea at the Liberal Democrat conference for tougher laws on stalkers and in London a judge called for a change in the lawPages I, 3

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Franz Fischler, European Agriculture Commissioner, had to leave beef talks in Ireland by helicopter when farmers blocked roads around the hotel where EU ministers met ...... Pages L 2

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The EU Commission lobbed a new grenade into Britain when it proposed a scheme that would oblige all companies employing more than about 50 workers to consult them on business plans. ..Page 2

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Labour is committed to outlawing handguns and will not bow to pressure from the gun lobby, Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, told police..... Boy 'confessed'

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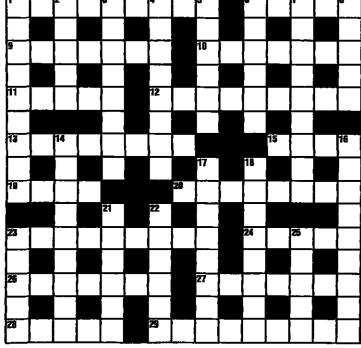
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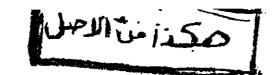
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**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25 1996** 

# George Walker's £6m award puts Brent Walker in peril



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TO NOTE BUTTER

By Jon Ashworth

BRENT WALKER, the ailing leisure group, faced the threat of collapse last night, after a judge in France granted an award for more than £6 million in favour of George Walker. the company's founder. Brent Walker immediately appealed against the decision, which, if upheld, could consign one of the last symbols of 1980s expansionism to the corporate scrapheap.

Bankers to Brent Walker had previously threatened to place the company in receivership if the French action went in Mr Walker's family trust, provided a loan of £20

favour. Michael Coleman of Harkavys, Mr Walker's solicitor, might also seek a winding-up order on the company, although any such action is frozen pending an appeal. Mr Coleman expects an appeal to be heard within three to six months.

The court outcome poses a threat to the planned disposal of the Pubmaster pubs chain, on the market at £200 million. It could also have a bearing on any future sale of William Hill, the betting chain, which Brent Walker bought from Grand Metropolitan for

The French action relates to events in 1989, when Holt Freres, a Walker

transactions. Half the sum was repaid, leaving Brent Walker with E10.2 million to repay - an amount that Mr Walker alleges was recorded as such in the company's accounts for four consecutive years. With interest, the amount has risen to £18 million.

Pursuit of the funds was suspended until the conclusion of court proceedings against Mr Walker, who was ousted as chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker in 1991. He was cleared of theft and false accounting, and subsequently discharged from bankruptcy. Proceedings were begun in June 1995 after negotiations broke down. Brent Walker says that it was

agreed orally that the loan would be offset against other liabilities.

Mr Coleman said that the judge seemed to have allowed for some of the money to be offset, resulting in a judgment in favour of Holt Freres in the sum of about £6.25 million, including interest. Mr Walker, who is pursuing interests in televised racing in Russia, said that he was "delighted" with the French ruling, adding: "It's a

clear case that they owed the money." Brent Walker said that the judgment was unenforceable pending appeal.
Brent Walker remains in a precarious financial position, and last week

reported losses before and after tax of

£51.6 million in the half year to June

30. Bank borrowings stood at £1,484 million at June 30, and net liabilities had risen to £1,186 million.

Analysts believe that the group can hope to raise only about £700 million from disposals. William Hill has been for sale since 1991, when Brent Walker was rescued by its bankers, led by Standard Chartered, in a £1.6 billion operation. Bass is understood to have been in talks earlier this year, but balked at the £500 million price.

Analysis expect the pubs business to fetch about £200 million, Brighton Marina was recently sold to a Sussex

company for £9 million. Brent Walker shares closed unchanged at 23 p.

# UK and US interest rates stay on hold

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

THE US Federal Reserve vesterday left American interest rates unchanged in a decision which came as a great relief to the Clinton Administration in the run-up to the Presidential election in November. UK interest rates were also left unchanged.

The Federal Open Market Committee met yesterday and opted to leave the key Federal Funds rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent. There had been intense speculation about whether the American central bank would raise rates to slow down the economy and head off inflationary pressures.

A poil conducted by Reuters before the meeting found that 31 of 55 economists expected the Fed to raise rates. The news that there was to be no change boosted the Dow Jones industrial average by 30 points but the key index then settled back for only modest gains. The Treasury bond market reacted favourably. pushing the benchmark 30year up by more than a half point and the yield down below the key 7 per cent level.

AT&T, the America telecoms

group, shocked Wall Street

yesterday with a warning

that profits for the rest of the

year would be substantially

Robert Allen, chairman,

said that competitive pres-

sures and investments in

areas such as on-line and

wireless capabilities meant

that results in the third quarter would be about 10

per cent below Wall Street's

estimates of 92 cents a share.

Fourth-quarter results would

also fall short of current

expectations of 89 cents a

share. Mr Allen said: "We

currently believe that com-

petitive pressures will contin-

ue for the remainder of the

year, and we are intensifying

After the announcement

before recovering to trade

AT&T shares fell 8 per cent

our marketing efforts."

below expectations.

Before the FOMC meeting President Clinton told reporters that he was very pleased that America was enjoying strong growth with no sign of inflation. Other Administration officials have implicitly expressed their opposition to higher rates by emphasising evidence that inflationary pressures remain low.

The Fed was faced with conflicting evidence on the economy. Growth in the second quarter was strong, at 4.8 per cent, but the third quarter has already seen signs of slowing. On the prices side, there has been some evidence of rising wages pressures but other inflation indicators have remained very low.

In Britain, Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, also resisted pressure for higher rates. Despite the Bank of England's stated desire to see monetary policy tightened, there was no sign of a rate change yesterday after the monetary meeting on Monday afternoon.

Both Bank and Treasury teams would have seen yesterday's figures for growth and

\$3.25 lower at \$54. The

profit warning by AT&T, often regarded as beliwether

of US industry, is likely to

undermine the stock mar-

ket's belief that corporate

profits were improving in the second half of the year.

Mr Allen said the compa-ny's proposed split into three distinct businesses

was proceeding as expected. AT&T, the traditional long

distance telephone services

company, has filed to pro-

vide local phone services in

all 50 states after a change

in rules governing the in-

dustry. The new rules allow

local and long distance oper-ators to invade each other's

markets. AT&T has already

seen the creation of powerful alliances among new competitions which will

challenge its dominance of

the long distance market.

AT&T warning

shocks market

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

the current account in the second quarter which showed a stronger economy so far this year than previously thought. Second-quarter gross do-

mestic product increased by a revised 0.5 per cent instead of the 0.4 per cent reported previously and first-quarter growth was revised up significantly to 0.6 per cent from 0.4

mist at the Charterhouse Group, said: These figures mean that interest rates shouldn't have come down earlier this year and should have been raised this week."

camp in the City which argues that rates should be left on hold. Simon Briscoe of Nikko Securities said: "The data leave the impression of an economy that neither needs policy easing nor would be able to cope with policy tightening - it is surely further evidence that policy is on hold."

There were upward revisions to consumer demand. services and construction which support a hawkish view on rates. However, supporting the doves was confirmation of stagnant industrial production, up only 0.1 per cent

Richard Jeffrey, chief econo-

However, there is also a

quarter on quarter, and the fact that the GDP deflator, a key inflation indicator, stood

at only 1.7 per cent.
The British Retail Consortium acknowledged that there was a strengthening trend in consumer spending but said that this did not herald the start of an inflationary consumer boom. Andrew Sent-ance, the BRC's chief economic adviser, said that the case for a rise in interest rates was weak. He said: "There are still many negative influences on the consumer, including job insecurity, nega-

tive equity and memories of falling house prices in the Detailed figures for Britain's balance of payments performance in the second quarter were also released yesterday. They showed that the current account moved surprisingly into the black. There was a surplus of £457 million compared with a deficit of £786 million in the first quarter, largely because of bumper invisible earnings, according to the Office for National Statistics.



Derek Mapp, the managing director, will receive just over £6.4 million for his 6.7 per cent stake in Tom Cobleigh

# Rank pays £95m for Tom Cobleigh

By Paul Durman

THE Rank Organisation, owner of Butlin's and the Hard Rock cates, is paying £95.6 million for Tom Cobleigh, the pub group - equivalent to more than £1.5 million for each of the company's 61 pubs.

Rank intends to accelerate the growth of Tom Cobleigh, al-ready expanding rapidly into Lancashire and the North East, by introducing pub restaurants into its cinema complexes and multi-leisure centres.

Tom Cobleigh's attraction for Rank lies in the high proportion of food sales, which represent roughly half total revenues in its newer and larger pubs. Andrew Teare, Rank's chief executive, said Rank lacks exposure to the eating-out market.

The Rank deal will make millionaires of Tom Cob-leigh's four executive directors: Derek Mapp, Ken Pratt, David Bond and Maggie Pearson. Mr Mapp, managing director, will receive just over E6.4 million for his 6.7 per cent stake. Mrs Pearson will make £1.8 million, Mr Pratt £1.5 million and Mr Bond £1.3 million. All four have agreed to stay on to

develop the business after Rank offered them three-year incentive packages.

A former publican, Mr Mapp, 46, started trading from a single pub in January 1992 after Mansfield Brewery made him redundant. By the time the company reached the stock market last November, it was valued at £60 million. The company's slogan is "Unspoilt pubs for nice people".

Rank, which is offering cash of 240p a share, has secured irrevocable undertakings to accept the offer from Tom Cobleigh's directors and from its largest shareholder, European Acquisition Capital, the enture capital firm that provided the company's initial finance. Together, these shareholders own 61.5 per cent of

the company.
It was EAC, owned by SE Banken of Sweden, that called time on Tom Cobleigh's short stock-market life when it put its 50 per cent stake up for sale. The company will receive £47.8 million for its stake, more than 42 times the £10.3 million it invested.

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# **UBS** fined over concealed £9m losses

By ROBERT MILLER

UBS, the merchant bank, has been fined £20,000 by a City watchdog after two traders concealed paper losses of more than £9 million on the London

derivatives markets. The Securities and Futures Authority (SFA), the regulator for brokers and futures dealers, said yesterday that Mark Larkin, 37, a US citizen who formerly worked at Salomon Brothers and Credit Suisse First Boston, had

reprimanded, fined £2,000 and required to pay costs of £6,000.

Mr Larkin, who was head of convertibles and warrants trading at UBS, which also had to pay costs of £8,000, was expelled from the SFA's register of managers. He was sacked in November 1994, when the irregularities were discovered by the Swiss bank, which reported its findings to the SFA.

The SFA said that between July and October 1994 Mr Larkin, who is reputed to have earned a £500,000

derivatives markets and concealed those trades by failing to book them on execution and then "warehousing" the trades with his French counterpart. Mr Larkin, who accepted that he breached City rules relating to "high standards of integrity and fair dealing", had a loss on his positions of £442,586

Mr Keen, 29, who also left UBS in November 1994 and subsequently worked for three months at Tradition Bond Brokers, breached SFA rules in overvaluing the UBS holdings. It is understood that after a highly success-

traders were caught out by the bond market crash early in 1994. The secret trades were made in a bid to retrieve loss-making positions but were discovered by UBS compliance officers. A UBS spokesman said: "We regret the incident, but it was more than two years ago and remedial action was taken immediately." In June, Crédit Suisse, a rival Swiss

bank, was fined £38,000 by Imro, the watchdog for fund managers, and ordered to pay compensation of F36.000 to nearly 900 investors after a

**BUSINESS ROUNDUP** 

Jersey accepts limited

liability partnerships

JERSEY'S parliament has approved the controversial legislation that will allow limited liability partnerships to be

registered in the island. The new law, the first of its kind outside the United States, was introduced at the behest of

Price Waterhouse, the accountants. It will protect partners'

personal assets in the event of a successful claim for damages,

also make the move to Jersey, prompting Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, to consider the introduction of similar legislation in the UK. Other jurisdictions, including Bermuda, Australia and the Isle of Man, are also said to be

considering allowing limited liability partnerships. The eventual vote — 38 in favour, seven against and one

abstention - belied the acrimonious nature of the three

debates that the States of Jersey has had on the law.

Chelsfield assets grow

CHELSFIELD, the property company behind the big retail and leisure development at White City in west

London, reported a 13 per cent rise in net assets to 197p a share at June 30 from 174p a year ago. Total net assets

were £403 million, up from £281 million previously. In the first six months of the year, the company lifted pre-tax

profits to £6 million from £4.3 million. Earnings were 3p a share, rising from 2.3p. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.2p a share from 1.1p. The shares rose lp to 281p.

France seeks new terms

FRANCE has notified the European Commission that it

wants to renegotiate the bail-out of Crédit Lyonnais, the state-

controlled bank. The Government wants to renegotiate the

rate charged on a Fr119 billion loan granted by the bank to a

state-backed rescue vehicle. The Government forced Credit

Lyonnais to extend the loan at below market rates to make it

bear some of the cost of the expansion spree that brought the

bank close to collapse. But the loan now threatens to drive it

More O'Ferrall ahead

MORE O'FERRALL, the outdoor advertising company that owns the Adshel brand, has lifted its pre-tax profits to £6.2

million, from £4.7 million, in the half year to June 30. The company said that Adshel's sales were 27 per cent higher, with new business secured from BMW, Kellogg, Pepsi and

Procter & Gamble. Earnings per share rose to 12-4p. from

9.3p. The dividend is increased to 3.6p a share, from 3.4p.

Frank Knight, chairman, said that the outlook for the rest of

Southern's mixed news

SOUTHERN NEWSPAPERS reported a 62 per cent rise in

pre-tax profits to £18.8 million in the year to June 30, on

with only the partner deemed to be at fault still liable. Other large accountancy firms have indicated they may

#### Cornwell announces scrip issue

Shares of Cornwell Parker rose sharply after the fur-niture and fabrics company announced plans to enfranchise its 'A' nonvoting stock through a two-for-three compensatory scrip issue to holders of voting shares. The ordi-nary shares rose 65p to 240p, while the 'A' shares fell 's p to 165p.

The company also announced a rise in profits, before tax and exceptional items, to £3.6 million (£1.04 million), in the year to July 31. After exceptional costs there was a loss of El million (£936,000 loss). The loss per share was 5p (2.4p loss), but the total dividend is lifted to 1p (0.6p), with a 0.7p final.

#### Hodder over the worst

Hodder Headline, the book publisher, expects im-proved results as it emerges from the turmoil caused by the collapse of the net book agreement, the price pact between publishers. Tim Hely Hutchinson, chief executive, said: "I think the worst is over. There was a definite upswing in sales in the summer."

Hodder reported pre-tax profits of £519,000 (£2.14 million) in the half year to June 30. The interim dividend, due on November II, is unchanged at 2p.

#### Doulton deal

Royal Doulton, the manufacturer of ceramic tableware and giftware, is buying Caithness Glass for £5.47 million. Caithness, based in Scotland, designs and manufactures hand-made coloured glass giftware. In 1995 it made pre-tax profits of £555,000. Caithness is expected to have net debts of £1.2 million on completion.

#### Secure payout

Secure Trust Group, the financial services company, has increased the interim dividend 9.1 per cent to 6p a share after lifting pre-tax profits to £4.5 million (£4.2 million) in the six months to June 30. Earnings rose 7.6 per



Hugh McCoy, right, managing director of Horace Clarkson, the shipbroking group, and Rob Ward, finance director, reported £1.7 million profits (£2 million)

# Annington's £1.66bn deal for MoD homes going ahead

By George Sivell

PLANS by a Japanese-led consortium to buy British military married quarters went ahead yesterday with the formal exchange of contracts on the controversial £1.66 billion sale, first revealed in The Times.

The Annington Homes consortium, led by Japan's Nomura Bank, will complete the deal in six weeks' time when it will take pos-

By Fraser Nelson

JOHN WARDLE and David

Makin, co-founders of the

John David Sports chain, are

to share a £70 million holding

in their company when it

mander British Forces Cyprus and now chairman of the Home Housing Association, is deputy chairman.

charged as an exceptional.

In the year to March 3i, the

company made pre-tax profits

of £6.71 million on sales of

£56.4 million. Forecasts for the

six months to September 30

Members of the Commons Defence Select Committee are demanding that ministers and officials appear before them to answer questions on the sale.

James Arbuthnot, the Defence Procurement Minister, said yesterday: "We have secured a very good price for the taxpayer in a competitive auction. Service families will start to see the benefits as a massive programme of housing improvement, made possible by the sale, comes on stream."

Mr Arbuthnot went on: dent there would be a understanding of service inter-

ests and concerns". However, the MoD has dropped the controversial site exchange option clause that would have allowed Annington to acquire vacant possession of some sites by offering identical housing to service families elsewhere.

Instead, Annington will have to wait 25 years before it can go ahead with the swap scheme, which will be avail-

leaders of the CBI will also

press Mr Clarke not to cut

personal taxes at the risk of

mission to the Chancellor the IoD said that "given the state

of the public finances, there is clearly a case for saying that

there is no room at all for tax

The institute said it accepted

that without some tax changes there was a danger of allowing

the "momentum of tax re-

form" to come to a complete

halt. However, the position of

the public finances showed

such an "alarming lack of

progress" that there was scope

only for some reduction in

capital taxation, including

decoupling from personal and

corporate taxes the tax on capital gains, and increasing

from £200,000 to £250,000 the

threshold at which inheritance tax becomes payable.

IoD leaders said that there

were "unmistakable" signs

that the "feel-good" factor was

now returning. But they want-

cuts in the next Budget".

damaging the economy. In its Budget planning sub-

The new arrangements give us the flexibility we need to tackle the problem of empty Ministry of Defence homes. and concentrate on the quarters we need, not the ones we don't." He said that the position of the service families was protected by legal documentation and he was conficonstructive partnership based on Annington's "full

> turnover that grew 5 per cent to £38.9 million. However, profits were hit by the sharp rise in newsprint costs. Excluding exceptional gains, which included the sale of the company's premises in Southampton, profits were up only marginally to £11.6 million. There is a final dividend of 13.25p to be paid on November 7, making the total dividend 17.75p.

Sales increase at MFI

into loss again this year.

the year was encouraging.

MFI Furniture Group reported increased sales during the summer months, up 17 per cent for the first 21 weeks of this financial year compared with the same period last year. Speaking at the company's annual meeting yesterday Derek Hunt, chairman, said UK retail sales were ahead by 13 per cent, despite a 1 per cent reduction in the average trading area. In France, where sales have grown by 35 per cent with a 25 per cent increase in trading area, six stores have opened since the year end, increasing the network to 92 stores.

#### **Xenova wants SE listing**

XENOVA, the UK biopharmaceuticals company that floated on America's Nasdaq market in 1994, said yesterday that it is to list on the London Stock Exchange and intends to raise £25 million through an institutional placing. It said that because most of its business is in Britain it needs domestic shareholders to help to fund growth. The institutional funds will be used to develop two anti-cancer drugs and a cardiovascular drug. Xenova develops drugs from naturally occurring micro-organisms, such as fungi and bacteria.

#### First dividend for Vero

VERO GROUP, the supplier of racks and enclosures for the telecommunications and electronics industry, is paying a maiden interim dividend of 2p a share after reporting an increase in pre-tax profits to £7.4 million before tax in the half-year to June 30 — up from £6.2 million. Earnings were 8p a share compared with 7.7p last time. These are the company's first results since its flotation in December 1995. On the Stock Exchange, the shares, placed at 220p, closed I2p lower at 2012p.

#### **Britton defies demand**

BRITTON GROUP, the acquisitive packaging and plastics company, lifted pre-tax profits to £11.06 million from £9.7 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings were 5.76p (5.3p) a share. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.32p (1.2p) a share. The shares rose 5p to 1462p. During the period the company completed six acquisitions at a cost of £14 million. Robin Williams, chief executive, said the increase in profits was achieved against a background of weak demand and during a period of significant investment in both divisions.

#### **Enterprise Oil** names new chief executive

BRITISH GAS is to lose its exploration and production chief. Pierre Jungels is to leave to become chief executive of Enterprise Oil after just a

year in the iob. Enterprise, the independent exploration and production company, will be led by Dr Jungels from January, when he will succeed Mike Pink, the current managing director, who is retiring. Graham Hearne, Enterprise chairman, is to stay on. Dr Jungels has worked for Petrofina and Shell. Enterprise is expanding its operations from its North Sea base to Norway, Italy, South America and the Middle East.

On Tuesday 8th October, BT introduce a telephone table everyone will appreciate.

BUT WILL IT HAVE LEGS?

#### session of 57,400 homes, 2,400 Midland Bank, Abbey Natof which are empty. Around £100 million of the ional Treasury Services and Amec also attracted controverproceeds will be retained by sy because it included Conserthe Ministry of Defence to vative Party contributors. upgrade all married quarters The consortium is chaired over the next five to seven by Sir Thomas Macpherson, a years but the rest of the sale distinguished former soldier price will go into central and holder of the Military

government coffers. The Nomura involvement angered Second World War veterans. The consortium of Nomura, the Royal Bank of Scotland, Hambros Bank,

1981 after Mr Wardle left the

Civil Service at 36, and Mr

Makin left school at 18. After

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Cross. Air-Vice Marshal Alexander Hunter, former Com-

founders to share £70m holding damage and trading losses amounted to £650,000, to be £4.3 million, and earnings of

6.67p per share. Mr Makin and Mr Wardle will own 69.5 per cent of the company, which is expected to reach a total value of £100 million. They hope to raise The two set up JD Sports in two of their shops. The total put interim pre-tax profits at

# **IoD urges Clarke** to cut spending not income tax

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Institute of Directors yesterday urged Kenneth Clarke to avoid income tax cuts in the Budget and, in-stead, reverse the "alarming" level of public borrowing by cutting public spending by up to E7 billion as a precursor to more radical reforms after the general election.

Leaders of the IoD supported Mr Clarke remaining as Chancellor in spite of the row over his remarks on a European single currency but were critical of the Government's record on public borrowing, which was "a blot on Britain's conomic performance".

The IoD said it expected that, for electoral reasons, the Chancellor is likely to take up to E2 billion off taxes in the Budget by cutting the basic rate of income tax, and that any public spending cuts will not be as far-reaching as they would like to see to bring public borrowing more rapidly back towards balance.

But they gave warning that such a Budget would do damage to Britain's economic prospects and performance, and urged Mr Clarke to take action in the longer-term interests of the economy. Today,

ed to see "fundamental and radical reforms" in public spending — whichever party won power — especially on welfare spending. **TOURIST RATES** 

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All told, and assuming some

level of overlap between different

mutuals, 15 million people could become shareholders. It is

impossible to say how many of

these themselves overlap with the existing 9.5 million, but by some estimates half the adult

population could be investing

capitalists in due course.

This cannot, by any definition, be seen as widening and deep-

ening share ownership, the

avowed but failed intent of

privatisation. This summer's Weinberg report into private share owership showed that almost two in five direct inves-

tors, some 3.4 million people,

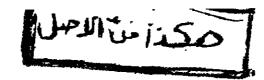
held shares in just one company alone. Demutualisation could

raise this passive shareholder base three- or fourfold.

Financial services businesses

have mixed feelings about such

huge shareholder registers. They



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Awaiting the mutual flood

THE Norwich Union is considering hiring the London Arena, capacity 12,000, to house those of its policyholders who turn up next spring to debate the mutual insurer's future. As the Norwich has about 3 million of these, what size venue will be needed for the Halifax, total investors 9 million? Wembley Stadium? Or would an open-air concert at Hyde Park be more cost-effective?

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More pertinently, is Corporate Britain plc ready for the arrival of all these new private shareholders, including those from the Woodster, which have also said they plan to convert? Or should some sort of device be put in place to allow any reluctant capitalists to convert their shares swiftly and cheaply into cash?

When the share certificates arrive, some time next summer in the case of the Norwich, most will be filed away in a bottom drawer and forgotten. This was the experience of the Abbey National: 5.5 million shareholders in July 1989, 2.5 million now. Half the defectors left in the first year. Of those 2.5 million left. nearly all have the original investment, worth £130 then and £600 now. They are, in every sense of the word, passive investors — only 1,500 turned up to annual meeting this year.
There were 3 million people in

with shareholdings in 1980; ten years they provide a wonderful data of privatisations later this num-ber had peaked at 11 million, and it is now back to 9.5 million. Clearly this wave of new inves-tors will be dwarfed by the

base for marketing their prod-ucts — there is little effort involved in slipping a leaflet in with the annual report. They also help defuse criticism that the company, once demutualised, is unaccountable to its customers, since they and the shareholders are one and the same. But several mutuals could reasonably look at a revolving door for those who wish to exit as soon as they arrive. By contrast with the other horrors of going public, a cheap share dealing service, through Sharelink or its like, should be a doddle.

#### Fighting fraud with conviction

☐ AS with much of New Labour policy, the aim of restoring investor confidence in the City is entirely laudable, if a little bland. Where the arguments start is over the means. Few would argue with the need to re-write the Financial Services Act. But the party's intention to fold the present set-up of three separate PENNINGTON



self-regulatory organisations looking after retail services, fund management and brokers and futures dealers into one giant Securities and Investments Board (promptly dubbed super-SIB) is rather less convincing.

The latest suggestion, that a Labour Government could bring the Serious Fraud Office under the umbrella of the SIB, possibly as its criminal prosecuting arm, looks even more questionable. That we need new legislation is beyond doubt; ditto some change, in the light of last week's Maxwell farrago, in the way prosecutions are tackled. Labour has recognised what the City has been saying for a long time; the cost and complexity of the

protected. The present Government has always said that re-form can be achieved under the necessary powers to wipe out white collar fraud. existing legislation without re-sort to new laws, providing the current trio of watchdogs have the necessary will. But much has

happened in the financial services markets in the past eight years. There are so many grey areas of what exactly is an authorised investment scheme ostriches, Titan-style money circulation schemes and the like. An incoming Labour Government will need to look at the

problem in its entirety. This means, for example, studying the civil role played by the Department of Trade and Industry in prosecuting insider dealing as well as how to stop the new super-SIB from becoming a bloated bureaucracy. In terms of the SFO, Labour might consider giving it new powers, and a matching budget, to set up its own police force rather than having to beg already stretched resources from regional fraud squads. We all want to see confidence in the system restored, but this can only mean

giving the various authorities, both criminal and civil, the

#### Seven steps to a happy AGM

☐ YESTERDAY saw the publication of the Guide to Best Practice at Annual Meetings by the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators. This worthy, 24-point blueprint for the relationship between shareholders and their management covers most bases, but a few important points seem to have been missed:

 Investors may be offended by signs of conspicuous consump-tion. Any hotels hired for meet-ings should be at the scruffier end of the range. If only plush venues are available, a suitably grotty feel can by achieved by the use of garish overhead lighting.

Directors should, on taking questions from the floor, adopt a tone of patronising superciliousness - think how you might address an enthusiastic but not

 Always remember that what-ever private investors say, the block votes from the City institutions are already in the bag. Impertinent questions about pay can safely be ignored. If they

persist, see above.

For their part, shareholders have a duty to ensure any such impertinence is met with catcalls, cries of "Sit down!" and oleaginous praise of the board. A few impoverished employees scattered incognito among the crowd always come in handy here, especially if the advance publicity suggests that the meeting could prove tricky.

Shareholders should ensure

all questions are as rambling. halting and vague as possible. Plenty of detail and personal anecdote should be included, but any attempt at brevity might be taken as rudeness.

· Pack plenty of plastic bags just one private shareholder, so armed, can carry away a surprising amount of the buffet lunch afierwards.

One or two boards, in a shocking display of meanness, have tried in recent years to restrict the free samples on offer - for some reason the drinks groups are the worst offenders. Never forget, as shareholders you own the company. Directors have their snouts permanently in the trough — your chance comes but once a year.

#### **McAlpine** held back by housing division

By OUR INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

HOUSING cast a shadow over a return to health at Alfred McAlpine as the company emerges from a lengthy restructuring pro-

Pricing pressures in new the first half of this year and margins were down on the same period last year, McAlpine reported. Profits in the division fell to E2.5 million (£6.4 million).

The inclusion of lossmaking Partnership Housing, which works with local authorities and housing associations, helped to drag down the division. Sir Terence Harrison, chairman, also said there had been unanticipated delays in

land acquisition. Overall, McAlpine lifted pre-tax profits to £1.6 million from last year's £100,000 interim - a figure suppressed by restruc-turing charges and losses from discontinued busi-

Sir Terence said McAlpine was beginning to see the benefits of its reorganisation and he predicted an improved performance in the second half. But he struck a gloomy note over the Government's Private Finance Initiative, saying the market place had not been helped by continuing de-

The interim dividend. payable November 29. is

# Tarmac losses grow to £58m as construction finds it tough

By Christine Buckley, industrial correspondent

TARMAC has axed 1,400 jobs in its transformation into a construction and aggregates business after the big assets swap that it conducted with

More than 1,100 employees have already gone or agreed to go, with the remainder of job losses still to be found. The depletion of the 26,000 workforce is part of a fundamental change to Tarmac, for which the company has set aside £65

Pre-tax profits of Tarmac, which has given warning that the construction markets to which it is exposed remain tough, fell deeper into the red with a £58.3 million loss. At the same point last year, Tarmac made a loss of £15.9 million.

The company, which parted with its housebuilding operation for Wimpey's aggregates arm, said that integration of the new business would deliver annual cost savings of more than £35 million. It gave warning, however, that these would take a while to show through, especially in construction. A chunk of the £18 million of cost savings made in building materials is expected to move through in the last half of this year, but construction's cost savings may not show until next year.

Underlying profits fell substantially, to £6.7 million, from £29.1 million in 1995. Tarmac blamed a series of problems in construction. It said that volumes in UK heavy building materials had been badly hit by substantial cuts in

road building, and that bad weather and generally tough markets had also taken their toll. Revenues from road maintenance also slipped.

Neville Simms, chief executive, said the performance was unrepresentative because the figures came amid a period of transition for Tarmac. He said: "In a year of transition for the group, the results for the first half are neither representative of the true underlying performance of the businesses, nor of their potential." He said that the medium-term

outlook was promising. The company promised action on its gearing, which Wimpey integration. It in-

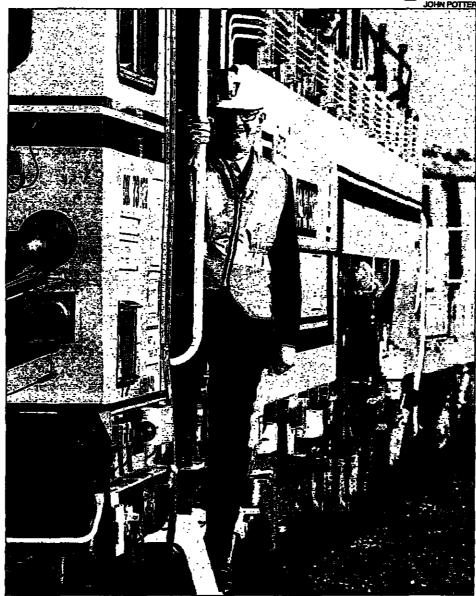
tends to reduce it to between 30 and 40 per cent within a couple of years. Chris Bunker. finance director, said that Tarmac would make further cost savings beyond those gained from the fusion of the Wimpey business.

Tarmac's exposure to overseas markets has increased to about 28 per cent of its sales, from 20 per cent. It was this area that has offered some immediate boost to the company in the first half of this year, with improved margins in North American heavy building materials.

The interim dividend, due on December 6, is being frozen at 3p.

**Optimistic** 

tops £50m



Neville Simms, Tarmac chief executive, with railway maintenance equipment

# QMH looks at German upturn to aid recovery

By Eric Reguly

OUEENS Moat Houses, the

on the road to rehabilitation. A turnround in Germany is crucial because the German portfolio accounts for almost one third of the com-

Interim operating profits in Germany fell by El million signs that a revival is close. ing officer, said: "We think omed out. Construction ( hotels there has pretty much

The upswing continues in the UK. Operating profits in the UK hotels division rose 31 per cent to £19.1 million and like-for-like occupany rates were up 2.1 percentage points to 67.4 per cent. Analysts think that the cycle has another year

Queens Moat reported a items, of £3.1 million in the half year to the end of June.

debt-laden hotels group, said an expected upturn in the German market and continued strength in the British leisure sector will help to put it

pany's business.

to £1.7 million, but there are Michael Cairns, chief operatthe German market has botcome to an end."

or two to run.

Queens Moat hopes to take advantage of the buoyant in-dustry to sell 27 of its 77 British properties. Cliveden, the luxury hotels group, is negotiating to buy the Royal Crescent Hotel in Bath, but the identities of potential buyers for the rest have not been disclosed. Andrew Le Poidevin, finance director, would say only that we have a lot of interest and we're in discussions with a number of parties".

pre-tax loss, before exceptional

million because of disposals.

The company said that it is

meeting its debt schedules and

expects to repay £20 million in

debt this year, £30 million next

year and £50 million in 1998.

Net borrowings were £991.5

million at the interim period, against £1.02 billion at the end of 1995.

compared with a profit of £700,000 previously. Turn-over dropped slightly to £222.8

Tempus, page 28 **Payout** by Laura

**Ashley** 

ANN IVERSON, the American chief executive appointed to revive the fortunes of Laura Ashley, yesterday announced that the clothing and furnishings company would be paying an interim dividend after an absence of six years.

The retailer reduced its operating costs by £4.3 million in the first half, which helped to lift pre-tax profits to £5.2 million (£3 million), on sales which dropped to £156 million (EI64 million). An interim payout of 0.4p per share is due on November 26.

The UK delivered the strongest growth, with un-derlying sales 10 per cent ahead at £72.1 million. Sales to both North America and continental Europe dropped. Earnings almost doubled, from 0.91p to 1.43p per share. The results were a little

short of City expectations, and Ms Iverson said she considered the results 'satisfactory".

Only 20 per cent of garments were produced by the manufacturing plant in Wales, down 5 per cent. The plant must now bid for contracts without any preferred status.

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#### Sidlaw sells division to management team

By Martin Barrow

its oil services division for about £56 million to a management-led buy-in team headed by Colin Manderson, chief operating officer of Sidlaw's packaging division, it

was announced yesterday.

The troubled group, which fell into the red at the interim stage and parted company

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SIDLAW GROUP is selling with its chief executive, proposes to focus instead on its flexible packaging division.

shares rose Ilbp to 121bp.

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SHARES in McKechnie were The disposal, to the manageamong the market's strongest ment team backed by 3i, the venture capital group, will leave Sidlaw ungeared and with a small cash balance. Sidlaw risers yesterday, as the plas-tics and metal components company gave an upbeat assessment of current trading Mike Ost, chief executive,

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said: "We have seen an improvement in demand since the beginning of the year. We are confident that this will be a

year of significant progress." The shares rose 22 p to 551p. McKechnie believes the destocking problems that hindered it last year have come to The group will also benefit

from a full year of profits from the recent acquisitions of Valley Todeco, the aero fasteners business, and Thompson and Plexicor, the vehicle components makers. They contributed £5.7 million and were almost entirely responsible for the II per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £50.3 million that McKechnie achieved in the year ending July 31.
Group sales increased by

£52 million to £584.6 million. Engineered plastics was the best performing division, improving its profiles by 28 per cent to £17.5 million — helped by a £27 million contract to make reusable plastic contain-

A final dividend of 12p a

# Goldman creates pseudo-partners

McKechnie

IN NEW YORK
GOLDMAN SACHS, Wall Street's oldest surviving banking partnership, is creating a new level of pseudo-partner to try to curtail staff defections.

The move comes as Goldman Sachs prepares to appoint 40 to 50 employees as partners, a coveted position that brings millions of dollars in salary, in a process that occures only once every two years. The result is something

of a lottery, and many rising young stars prefer to leave the firm for high salaries elsewhere rather than risk staying and not becoming a partner. The bank is therefore plan-

ning to appoint 50 to 70 managing directors, a new title for younger employees who are on track to become partners. They will receive substantially higher bonuses than others, although not the full remuneration of the 174 full partners. The partners will also be outside the firm, but their status within it will be higher. The aim is to give Jon Corzine, the senior partner, and the

management a way to reward ambitious executives who have not yet reached partnership level. The firm expects to have, in four to six years' time, about 200 of the new managing directors, which is substan-tially fewer than most comparable investment banks.

Over the past two years,

by several waves of damaging defections of key staff to other banks. Around 50 vicepresidents and analysts have been poached by Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, the invest-ment banking arm of Deutsche Bank, which has been building up its US presence through aggressive hiring and offering high salaries. Morgan Stanley has also tempted away more than 30

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# Shares see red again on **US** interest rate fears

AFTER nearly falling through the 3,900 level, the FT-SE IOO index closed at 3,910.5, down 9.2 points. The index rose in the morning on news that UK interest rates would be unchanged but soon worries about a US rate rise became dominant. The index had drifted down 20 points even before Wall Street had opened Volume was low throughout

the day as traders awaited news from the US central bank. But there was some UK economic data. A surprise balance of payments surplus for the second quarter, coupled with revised growth figures for the economy all spelt bad news for anyone hoping for another interest rate cut before the general election.

There is still a strong faction of dealers who believe the FI-SE 100 is on track to breach the 4,000 mark. One said: "We just need to get these rate decisions out of the way first.

The banking sector was again hardest hit by rate rise fears. Abbey National fell from 61312p to 604p, Barclays was down 7p at 9322p, HSBC dropped to 1186p from 1203p. NatWest eased from 667p to 6612p and Standard Chartered tumbled 134p to 705p. A feeling is spreading among traders that the sector is looking slightly overvalued. Profit-taking has certainly accelerated the downwards

Among the biggest individual losers Laura Ashiey fell 22p at 1932 on below-expectation interim profits, Inchespe closed 512p lower at 287p as sentiments remained mixed on plans to sell Bain Hogg. and Rank, dropped 82p to 430 p after finally revealing its Tom Cobleigh £96 million cash bid. But Tom Cobleigh was up 12p at 236p and Yates Brothers Wine Lodges closed at 366p, up 3p.

Carlton Communications bucked the market trend for a second day running, adding 16<sup>1</sup>2 p to 489 p. Meetings between the company and analysts sparked interest in the lyst said are seeing better indications of advertising for the final quar-ter of the year and MediaWeek last week was reporting that October was looking quite strong." There was no news on a possible tieup between CanWest and HTV which would effectively block any bid by Carlton.

The water sector was another pocket of interest.



Sitting pretty: Cornwell Parker chief executive James Moore, left, and Martin Jourdan saw a huge share rise

Ofwat, the industry regulator, said yesterday that it wanted companies to improve accounting procedures through more competitive tendering and reporting on indirect transactions with associates. Ian Byatt, head of Ofwat, said he had "some concerns about a situation where trade with associates is a high proportion of the turnover." These com-

Predictably, business has not been very good in Germany. which makes up half of Europe's construction market and 46 per cent of Redland's earnings. A fall in pre-tax profits to £86-130 million, from £156 million, is expected. The dividend per share is expected to remain at 5.5 pence. Analysts said the market will be looking out for any comments

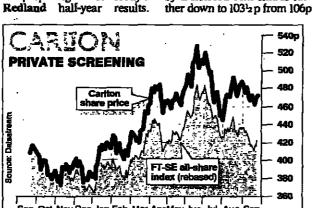
BP has opened its first Russian service station in Moscow. The complex, which offers everything from car parts to groceries, is a joint development with McDonald's, which has built a drivein restaurant into the site. If successful, more openings will follow in 1997. Shares fell 2p to 634p.

ments further depressed the already sluggish sector. Angli-Water dropped from 558 p to 552 p, South West Water fell 14p to 682 p, Thames Water sunk to 5412 p from 5452p and United Utilitives closed at 587½p, down

Building materials analysts are preparing for Thursday's from Rediand on prospects for the second half and the next year. The shares fell from 448½ p to 443p. Close Brothers fell back to

34lp from 3432p after Monday's celebration of 21 years of successive rising profits. The bitter industrial dispute

at the kitchen factory owned by Berisford sent shares further down to 103½ p from 106p



as the disputes' cost was set a
£25 million

Cornwell Parker, the furniture and furnishing fabrics company where Martin Jourdan is chairman, saw a huge increase from 175p to 240p on plans to enfranchise its A

Shareholders in Regent lans, the pub operator, continued to toast the success of their company after it announced a 57 ner cent increase in their annual dividend on Monday. Shares rose 3p from 2342p.

Shares in Prism Rail also climbed, up 5p to 435p, after news that it is one of the parties that has been shortlisted and invited to submit a final tender for the franchise to operate Merseyside Elec-trics. Blue Circle fell from 385p to 3834p on news of the company's new property joint venture with Australia's Lend-Lease. British Steel was down 34p at 188p after poor firsthalf figures from Usinor

Sacilor its French rival. An AT&T profits warning sent shares in BT 2p lower to 367 p, and Cable & Wireless,

down 2 p at 455p.

One of the few rallies took place in the supermarket sector where Tesco was up 2p at 303p, also helped by a Kleinwort Benson "buy" recommendation. Safeway did even better, closing at 331p, up 62p, on share buy-back

BP rose 14p to 6354p after options support and Hodder leadline was pushed up 5p to llp by an upbeat statement United News & Media rallied 4p to 6964p but Zeneca retreated 13p to 1546p in the bsence of bid moves. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Nothing

could disturb traders who were desperately awaiting the outcome of the FOMC meeting in Washington on US interest rates. One trader said: "There was such little business going on. I think a bunch of futures traders started the

World bond markets were

hooked on news from Washfutures finished unchanged at £107% after UK interest rates where left untouched. □ NEW YORK: Shares on Wall Street steadied in late morning trading as investors eagerly awaited news from the Fed's policy meeting on interest rates. At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was

modestly down 4.30 points at

#### MAJOR INDICES New York (midday):

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Brussels: 9672,27 (-0.05) 2081.50 (+14.41)

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.... 201.26 (+0.44) 1.5580 (+0.0012) USM (Datastrnt) complete. Ann Iverson has pulled off the seemingly man Mark ..... 2.3574 (+0.0017) impossible task of revamp ing without upsetting traditional customers. £:SDR RPI ...... 153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100 RPIX ..... 152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100 After fewer than two years at the helm, she has dragged

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# MAJOR CHANGES

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Mckechnie	551p (+221sp)
Carlton Comm	489p (+16'zp)
St Helena	443p (+1212p)
Scotia	589p (+14p)
Bodycote	
Legal & Gen	
Prudential	450p (+9p)
FALLS:	
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#### **TEMPUS**

# Back to the black stuff

THE rebuilding of Tarmac into an aggregates-based operation is proceeding better than expected, with more cost savings coming out of the integration of Wimpey's business than first expected.

But it is too early to conduct a full survey of the company because it is still only possible to look at the foundations. The new-look Tarmac operates in a tough market, with European construction in the doldrums. Britain, in particular, offers slim pickings for heavy building materials after large cuts in road building programmes. The Private Finance Initiative has proved a further complication. with projects suffering from longer than anticipated delays.

Although it was sensible for Wimpey and Tarmac to swap their housebuilding and aggregates operations, the move has left

Laura Ashley

THE quiet revolution at

the company from a timeless

trance to face the brutal

The first thing to go was

the tail-wag-dog relationship

with its manufacturing

plant, where the retailer was

under pressure to order what

Next, she forced the com-

pany to swallow its pride

and reduce the cost of slow moving stock after seven

weeks - rather than packing

it away and bringing it out in

time for the sales season. It

has now relieved itself of the

mountain of unused stock.

realities of retailing.

best suited the factory.

transition may not be achieved overnight, but it must be built to endure. Ironically, the American has yet to crack her native

In the United States, some Laura Ashley is now almost Laura Ashley stores still suffer from the legacy of the old management's belief that 'small is beautiful".

market.

Many of them are less than 600 sq ft. when competitors and many potential

trophobic in anything less than 1,500 sq ft. Given time. however, the Iverson formula that has worked in Britain should start to make a difference in the United States.

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Tarmac so highly geared that there are

definite twitches in the City. The company has

pledged to bring down the current 66 per cent

gearing to between 30 and 40 per cent within

a couple of years. But urgency is required in

tackling the balance sheet because the

underlying profits show only a flicker of strength, aided in some part by improving

fortunes in the US. Excluding the £65 million

restructuring charge, pre-tax profits stood at

E6.7 million, a weak figure against the £29.1

Integration of the Wimpey business is

expected to deliver annual cost savings of

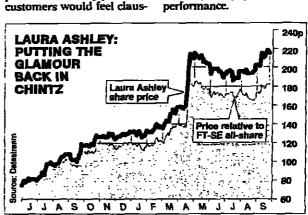
more than £35 million, but the full benefits

will take at least six months to start showing

and will take longer in construction. Tarmac's

million of last year.

Perhaps the best move that the old Laura Ashley management made was to pin Ms Iverson's £2.9 million share option payout to 1998



#### Queens Moat

QUEENS Moat Houses, the walking dead of the hotel industry, is starting to look like an interesting punt. Operating profits are on the rise, debt is coming down, albeit slowly, and it may get a fair price for the 27 British prop-

erties put up for auction. The upswing in the UK hotels cycle and zealous cost cutting have removed Oueens Moat from the critical list. The cycle has another one or two years to run, but Queens Moat has relatively little exposure to the buoyant London market, where room

rields have climbed fastest. urnround in Europe in general and Germany in particuar its German portfolio eccounts for almost one third f its business. There are ions that the German econony has bottomed out. Secand-quarter GDP growth vas 1.5 per cent, compared with a drop of 0.5 per cent in

the first quarter. Although

DOLLAR RATES

Sidlaw Group

the country is burdened with

high unemployment, econo-

mists think the worst is over.

appear to have little to lose

and much to gain if the

German economy picks up

momentum. Even better.

Queens Moat may become a

takeover target. But those

looking for a quick rise will

be disappointed. Patience is a

At 18p a share, investors

DRASTIC action was required to safeguard Sidlaw's long-term future. With the appointment of John Durston, as chief executive, whose exindustry, it was inevitable that oil services, Sidlaw's other business, would be sold.

The £17 million surplus from the sale will bring urgently needed funds to beef up a balance sheet and avert yet another rights issue. On completion Sidlaw will have a small cash balance.

Sidlaw shares rose 112p to

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1212p in response, against a 1996 low of 84p. But investors should still be cautious about the company's long-term prospects. The packaging business being retained is in

poor shape. Oil services, principally comprising the ASCo subsidiary, is highly regarded in the industry and has valuable long-term contracts with a number of oil companies. True, carnings have been relatively static in the past three years but it has remained in profit and its fortunes will mirror those of the North Sea

oil industry. By contrast packaging has struggled and the company areas exist within the business. It is open to question whether Sidlaw can generate enough cash to restore growth in the division from existing resources. Signifi-cantly, Colin Manderson is quitting as chief operating of-ficer of the packaging divi-sion to lead the management buy-in of oil services.

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WALLSTREET

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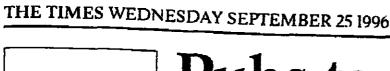
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#### Viennese in a whirl over pub

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VIENNA is the latest City to fall for the Guinness Irish Pub Concept. To the sound of "genuine" Irish music, and surrounded by "authentic" Irish nicknacks, the brewing group yesterday opened its 1.000th trish theme pub in Austria's capital,

Traditional Irish staff served hearty British beef and Guinness stew to hungry Viennese, while Pat Meagher, landlord of Molly Darcy's pub and a former barman at Moscow international airport. looked on in wonder. "I don't speak a word of German." he tells me. "But I'm learning a little bit

#### Rare Welsh bit

KPMG is on the hunt for a new chief executive to head the yet-to-be-formed European Structural Funds Programme, with a slightly unusual qualification. As well as being experienced in company start-ups and development, from either the public or the private sector, the winning candidate for the initial three-year post with a salary of between E40,000 and E50,000 may

also have to be a Welsh language speaker. ANN IVERSON stole the show yesterday at Laura Ashley's results meeting. Dressed in a stunning crushed velvet jacket in



That is what Rank is paying for it"

#### Balance upset HARRODS BANK has joined hands with the London Ladies Club to offer a red-carpet course in banking facilities that could well upset NatWest Bank. The club that is a favourite among Coutts clients will host the lessons on standing orders and direct debits at the Sloane Club on Lower Sloane Street. Upsetting news for NatWest which boasts a cosy relationship with the London Ladies Club, al-

CITIGATE Communications and Buchanan Communications are sharpening their heels for a showdown at the end of this month. Both PR houses are hosting parties on October 30. Buchanan was first to send out its invites, but Sophie Hull of Citigate says: "If the responses and acceptances are anything to go by. we're streets ahead."

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#### Wifely support

FAMILY loyalty knows no bounds at MFI, where the chief executive was able to make eye contact with his wife from the podium at yesterday's AGM. Linda Randall tells me that, as a shareholder in the company, she never misses the AGM. Which is more than can be said for her fellow shareholders, who were few in number at the meeting. "One of the most interesting AGMs I went to was at Guinness, when Ernest Saunders was forced to face the audience," she says.

# Pubs-to-riches formula found by select entrepreneurial band

Running a pub usually means hard work not

wealth, says

Jon Ashworth

s any publican will tell you, running a pub involves long hours and little glory. Unless you happen to be Derek Mapp, founder of Tom Cobleigh, the northern-based pubs chain, who started with one pub four years ago and has just sold out for \$6.4 million.

The benefactor in this case is Rank Organisation, which is paying £95.6 million for Tom Cobleigh - or more than 52 million per pub. Mapp, who retained his 6.7 per cent stake in the company when it floated on the stock market last November, joins a select brand of entrepreneurs to have followed the pub route to wealth over the years.

David Bruce did the same with the Firkin chain seven years ago. In June, Michael Cannon made about £70 million when he sold the Magic Pub Company to Greene King, the East Anglian brewer, for nearly £200 million. The following month. Whitbread's purchase of the Pelican Group, the name behind Café Rouge and Dome, triggered handsome windfalls for its cofounders, Roger Myers and Karen Jones. The deal worked out at about £3 million an

Mapp, who works from offices in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, adopts a no-frills approach to his trade. He insists that all employees use first names, and famously drew up a "no memos" rule. threatening to sack anyone who wrote memos rather than talking face to face.

Mapp claims that the suc-cess of his pubs lies in their friendly, family-oriented approach, including perks such as nappy-changing facilities. He once said: "They are tradior gimmicks but they are also family-friendly."

Early success came to Michael Cannon, who has long been skilled in the pubs-to-riches approach. In 1993, he made £26 million on the sale of Devenish, his first pub company. After a year's rest, he founded the Magic Pub Company after buying about 300 run-down pubs from Chef and Brewer.

Two years on, the chain, including such memorable names as the Hungry Horse and Pickled Newt, was sold to Greene King for nearly £200 million. Cannon's pub interests started in 1975 with a half-



David Bruce, left, the founder of Firkin, with Tim Thwaites of Grosvenor Inns



Hugh Corbett: branded-pub theme pioneer Magic formula: Michael and Sally Cannon



Sale of the Pelican Group brought handsome windfalls for Roger Myers and Karen Jones

in a pub in Bristol. Perhaps most famous of all

is David Bruce, founder of the Firkin chain of pubs, who sold out to Midsummer Leisure in 1988 for £6.6 million. The chain is now owned by Allied

After several years with Courage and Theakston's, Bruce lost his job and found himself on the dole. Using £20,000 in borrowed funds, he converted a pub in the Elephant and Castle in south London, and, in 1979, became the first London publican this century to brew beer in his own cellar. By 1985, Firkins had sprouted across the capi-

selling more than two million pints a year.

Two years after selling out, Bruce returned with a new company. Bertie Belcher's Brighton Brewery Company, and a new pub, the Hedgehog and Hogshead, in nearby Hove. As with outlets like the Flounder & Firkin (described as "a great plaice"), Bruce kept up his eclectic approach to branding with the banner: "Hogswill do anything for a pint of Belcher's - there's snout better."

He later launched a new beer at a riverside pub in Richmond on Thames, Surrey, calling it Cirrhosis of the single shareholder in Grosvenor inns, owner of the Slug & Lettuce, and Hedgehog & Hogshead chains. He stepped down from the board in July to concentrate on private brewing interests in North America, but remains a non-

executive director. The

chairman of Grosvenor's is

Tim Thwaites. The seeds for a new generation of themed pubs were sown in 1989 when the Monopolies and Mergers Commission ordered the dismantling of the tied pubs system. Under the so-called Beer Orders, the top six brewers were ordered to sell half their pubs in excess of 2.000 each - a total of 11.000 outlets. Keen-eyed entrepreneurs were able to cherry-pick hundreds of sites, then transform the outlets with clever branding.

Branded pubs and restau-

rants continue to command huge sums. In July, the London-based Pitcher and Piano chain changed hands for £20 million, even though its annual sales are only about 5 million. This demonstrates the premiums that groups are prepared to pay for a brand.

The same month, Whitbread paid £133.1 million for the Pelican Group, owner of the Cafe Rouge and Dome chains. Roger Myers, founder and chairman, was left with shares and options worth about £3.15 million, while Karen Jones, co-founder and managing director, held a stake worth £2.7 million.

Those still waiting to cash-in include Tim Martin, chairman of JD Wetherspoon, who has about £64 million tied up in nearly 150 pubs, spread from London to Scotland. Born in England but raised in New Zealand, Martin put down £10,000 as a deposit on a pub in Muswell Hill, north London, in 1979. By 1983, the number of pubs under management had risen to four, and Wetherspoon, named after one of Martin's former schoolteachers, was clearing £180,000 in profits. The company recently announced profits of £13.11 million on turnover of more than £100 million.

One of the pioneers of the branded-pub theme is Hugh Corbett, who has started three chains of pubs in and around London in the past 15 years. He sold the first, the Slug & Lettuce, in 1989, and the second, Harvey Floorbangers. in 1992, netting £4.5 million for Corbett and his partner. The pubs had an "Eighties" feel to them - bare wooden floors, large windows and a trendy

Corbett is currently developing a new London-based chain of "Tup" pubs - the name is inspired by the male sheep -and thinks there is still some mileage left in the branded concept. He said: "There is still Look at what people have historically done in the retail sector. If they have reasonably good brands, people will go in and spend money.

Corbett thinks the amount of money being spent on pubs – as much as 20 times earnings for a particular outlet - is out of touch with reality.

Derek Mapp, meanwhile, will be toasting his newly-won place in the pub millionaires' hall of fame. Rank intends to develop Tom Cobleigh's 44 branded pubs and 17 tenanted pubs under the delightful motto "Unspoilt Pubs For Nice People". It couldn't happen to



## Stability: how the old will rock the boat

ters looked pretty smug after their meet-ing in Dublin. They did not just play Waiting for Blair. they agreed in principle on the German proposal for an EU stability pact. This will commit members to liscal responsibility, so how dare the analysts call the Euro a potentially weak currency? No other will have such backing. All perfectly con-vincing — if your time horizon ends at 1999. Look into the next millennium.

and it all falls into what we might call the Lloyd's trap. The Lloyd's names all thought they were rich; but forgot their unlimited liabilities. They had some excuse because the losses that woke them so rudely were unprec-edented (though there had been warnings); all the same, their personal balance sheets were deceptive. EU ministers have no excuse for equally deceptive public accounts; nor have the bond analysts who regard Bunds and Oats so benignly. The gap in the accounts hides the unfunded pension liabilities that hang over most European markets - the French and German markets most of all - and the facts have been public knowledge for

well over a decade.

The OECD first drew at-

tention to the burden as long ago as 1982, and has updated its warnings since then; and in May this year the IMF published a chart that should give both ministers and bond analysts sleepless nights. It shows the capital value of unfunded pension liabilities

the hidden part of the iceberg of public debt. There is no room here for the chart, but the figures for the G7 selves. For France it is nearly 120 per cent of GDP — about double the official debt level allowed under the Maastricht criteria for EMU entry. And this is on top of acknowledged debt, which is already over the limit. Germany is just about as bad.

Now the Anglo-Saxons. The US has a gap that could be closed by raising the social security tax by less than I per cent of income, we are at the virtuous extreme. Our unfunded liablity is less than 5 per cent of GDP, which brings the whole debt iceberg well within Maastricht limits. If future fiscal problems and US Treasuries should be the only choice for the long-sighted bondholder. How can this be, since the

problem of transcrring resources to the retired is, in principle, the same in all countries? Partly because the problem really is smaller for Britain: our population is not ageing nearly as fast as most across the Channel. Partly because we are mean. with public pension at a level that might make Scrooge pause — the US had a bigger problem because its social security payments are more generous. But largely because Mrs Thatcher privatised the problem when she abolished Serps, the state earnings-related pension scheme. We, and the Americans, have transerred most of the burden to the private financial markets.

Is this a solution, or another form of evasion? This depends, as Brian Reading argues in a profound essay in the current Lombard Street Research International Review, on what happens to the private contributions. If they simply push up the equity indices and this is certainly a major reason for the secular bull markets in London and New York - then they are really just another equity trap, as deceptive as the 'wealth" created in the late-1980s house price boom. When the old need to spend their savings, the indices will be driven down again. But if the savings go to finance real investment at home, or well chosen foreign assets, then there is real provision for the future.

ny me osca really smug: the buil market has sired a boom in real investment. We can only hope that our boom is just around the corner, as Roger Bootle forecasts. Our foreign asset selection used to be excellent; but since London managers seem to have missed the Wall Street opportunity, not so good now. But one conclusion jumps out: what the EU needs to offer to make any sense of British EMU membership is a stability pact based on real numbers. We cannot afford to bale out their pensioners. Put up, or stay out

# Stephen Pollard on a tale of human frailty at Barings

# Sorry saga found in a bank account

bring down Barings? As the careful account of the collapse in All That Glitters makes clear, although the trading was Nick Leeson's alone, it was fatal, rather than merely painful, because of the massive incompetence of the Barings management. The absorbing account, with which the book opens, of the attempts co-

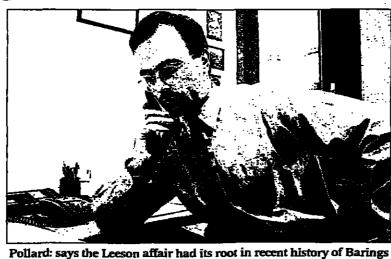
ordinated by the Bank of England to save Barings, details the gradual recognition by the other banks being asked to contribute to a rescue fund of the shambles that passed for management. Their patience finally snapped when the assembled bankers learnt that £700 million had been paid by Barings as margin on the "secret account" trading without any understanding of what it was funding. With management dazzled by the

profits" reported from Singapore, Nick Leeson was able to tell contradictory stories to his bosses: to those questioning the suicidal trading strategy, it was done on the instructions of the secret "Customer X", and, to those querying the enormous sums demanded for margin, it was valuable "switching trades" done on the bank's behalf. No one seriously questioned how

such incredible profits could be made from supposedly risk-free trading, or why attempts to get even the most basic financial information on the Singapore operation were blocked or side-tracked. John Gapper and Nicholas Denton spend a third of the book carefully setting the scene - the recent history of Barings, its entry into new markets through Christopher Heath's trading operation, the uncontrolled growth of Baring Securities and the internal power struggle to wrest it from Heath's control. This makes for a leisurely read - Nick Leeson's trading is not addressed until over half way through the book - but is crucial to understanding

the collapse. The fragmented manage-

ment, the faulty controls and the



continue for nearly three years (until the market, not the management, found it out), had their roots firmly in the bank's recent history.

The failings of management, and how Nick Leeson capitalised on them, are laid bare in unemotional and nonjudgmental prose, largely leaving the reader to apportion blame. Indeed, sometimes a more critical approach would be wholly justified. The authors describe how Simon Jones, the rude and aggressive manager in Singapore behind whose obsession about protect-



ence Leeson sheltered, would often humiliate an employee in front of others. This is simply described as "oldfashioned management".

The inside information, particularly about the rescue attempt, is predictably strong, and the account reads like a financial thriller. There are also some intriguing personal details to put flesh on the bones - for example, that Christopher Heath recruited only spenders, not savers, so that the hunger to make vast sums would always be there, and that despite the "laid-back manner" and "New Age beliefs" of Mike Killian, a Tokyo futures and options manager, his nose "has been broken twice during arguments on trading floors".

The authors paint a picture of human frailty on a huge canvas. Leeson's "Achilles" heel was his own desire to be admired" and the complex amalgam of personal and professional inadequacies in Barings ensured that he was admired right to the end.

The complexity of areas of the derivatives markets, with even the most sophisticated computer programmes struggling to provide accounting data, and the enormous sums traded daily raise clearly the Doomsday scenario. Mix in a strong element of human weakness, and you have a destructive brew. It was largely good fortune that this collapse did not threaten the system itself, but merely highlighted the inherent dangers.

However, the phenomenal problems of controlling the rampant derivatives markets mean that we may all, from sophisticated trader to modest pension contributor, be living on borrowed

☐ All That Glitters, by John Gapper and Nicholas Denton (Hamish Hamilton, £20)

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#### BUSINESS LETTER

#### Statutory rights useless in real world From Mr Andrew White

Sir, Mr John Good (Business letters, September 19) exhorts the Government to introduce a statutory right to charge interest on overdue accounts, complaining that codes of practice and standards are and will be ineffective.

Legislation is not, I believe, the answer. It would take a brave (or foolhardy) small businessman to enforce his legal rights against a powerful purchaser threatening to take his business elsewhere. It is surely the case that, in the real world of business, statutory rights have no greater chance of affecting commercial reality than do voluntary codes.

Furthermore, the right to charge interest misses the fundamental issues involved. Mr Good should speak to more businessmen and he will soon find that it is not the lack of interest on the money that causes the problems but the lack of money itself. Or does he suggest that such businessmen will be unconcerned as to how long debts remain outstanding, as long as the market rate of interest is accruing? Yours faithfully,

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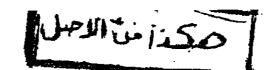
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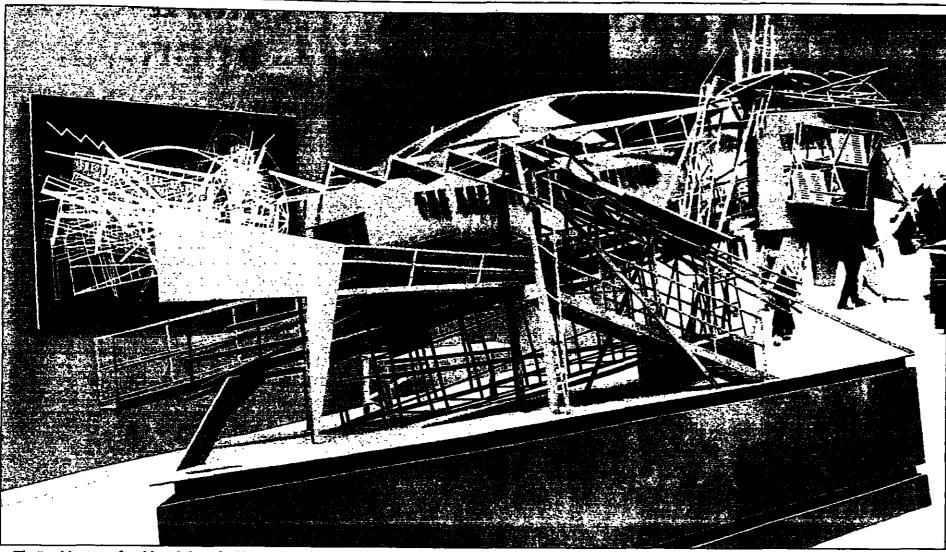
The great Mstislav Rostropovich steers the LSO through a typically passionate Russian evening



**MUSIC 2** 

Thomas Allen steps into the breach and rescues the LPO's gala at Glyndebourne

ARCHITECTURE: Marcus Binney finds subversive wit as well as controversy at Venice's Biennale



The "architecture of nothing" is how the Hungarians describe their display: architectural models that are pure sculpture; architectural designs that are abstract paintings

# Here's one we'll never make

ith my tongue firmly in my cheek I declare that the winners of the 1996 Venice Architecture Biennale are the Hungarians. They have spotted the mood of the judges and seen the worldwide Gadarene rush towards Deconstruction: "exploding buildings with tilting walls

They have run up a spoof titled "The Architecture of Nothing". Their pavilion is filled with architectural models that are pure sculpture, and architectural designs that are abstruct paintings. This is accompanied by excruciating cacophonic music supposedly computer-generated by people moving through the show.

In general this Biennale is more like a fashion show than an architecture exhibition. Today's architects, it seems, are no longer social reformers out to change the world (perhaps a good thing), but artists and designers bent on creating a new look: bold, colourful, hugely avant-garde. Significantly, the engineers who enable all these extraordinary buildings to

stand up hardly get a mention.

The main pavilion pays homage to 30 greats and 30 "emerging voices".

The choice is controversial. Britain scores four among the greats: Sir Norman Foster (but not Lord Rogers), followed by Ralph Erskine, architect of smith — who actually lives and works in Sweden. More surprising are the inclusions of two British architects who have only each: Peter Cook,

whose flamboyant designs for capsules on stilts appear like a modern-day version of Heath Robinson; and Zaha Hadid, elevated almost to the presiding goddess of the show with ever-more jewel-

By contrast, the British Pavilion is centred on what many see as our least glorious building project: the over-budget and long-overdue British Library. The architect Colin St John Wilson has made a 30-foot high collage of the prototypes for different parts of the building. It is full of gentle jokes: the Lion of St Mark caged behind one of his balconies, for example, or Wilson as a young man in a carnival mask when he began the library all those years ago.

like designs and models for the

rejected Cardiff Opera House.



Dummy roadworkers at the Japanese earthquake pavilion

"Been there, bought the T-shirt" may also be the reaction of many visitors to the display of Foster's highly accoladed gallery and library at Nimes. After this, just two National Lottery projects get a look in. They are Grimshaw's mile-long greenhouse in a Cornish claypit, and MacCormac's casket-like Ruskin archive in Lancaster.

Next door, the French have naturally responded to the fashion theme with style. Odile Decq and François Roche are the names to watch. Opposite, the German pavilion is a complete contrast, dedicated to depicting the dramatic and poetic transformation of derelict industrial

ions work well. The Japanese abandon arwith a powerful dis-play of the Kobe earthquake, where visitors pick their way across piles of debris while klaxons ring. The Dutch have simply strewn the floor with tens of thousands of

tiny "Monopoly" houses, inviting visitors to plan their own model villages.

What of the Americans? Now that the word Disney has become a term of architectural abuse (this side of the Atlantic anyway), they have stunned the Europeans by devoting their entire pavilion to the Disney Corporation, putting on display an aston-ishing range of models, perspectives and bird's eye views, including all the Magic Kingdom castles. It ranges the seriously grotesque EuroDisney hotels, through startling

designs by Arata Isozaki and Frank

Gehry to the latest in Pop architec-ture: hotels clad in guitars that are larger than the buildings themselves; and - wait for it - a Disney liner that will soon tour the world's oceans.

A return to sobriety comes in the Spanish pavilion, which has a fascinating display on an ambitious national programme for building century theatres. Bringing the exhibition right up to date are designs for the new Museum of Contemporary Art overlooking the bay at Rio, by the great Oscar Niemeyer, architect of Brasilia. He was born in 1905, but this is just as futuristic as anything in a Bond movie.

The best aspect of the Biennale is that it shows a burst of adventurous alternatives to conventional modernism. Yet it is mostly as remote from everyday life as a couturier fashion show. All credit, then, to the young Finns (they call themselves GROUP) who designed an elegant wood-framed "leisure studio" that they could construct themselves. And even more to the Canadians, who - in the best pavilion of all - show how timber buildings can be adventurous and not just zany.

● The exhibition is at the Biennale Gardens in Venice (0039-41-521-8711) until

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# An orgy of TV reminiscence

W. Stephen Gilbert dons his toga and goes to the I, Claudius party

aving rinsed out my old toga the night before — that dried blood is so tenacious - I went to a party last week to mark the twentieth anniversary of the first BBC transmission of Robert Graves's I. Claudius, It was billed as "an orgy of reminiscence".

"To look back is quite an unusual thing for me," says Herbert Wise, who directed the 13 episodes, "and 1'm amazed at how well it stands

Such a project is unthinkable at the present BBC. All 650 minutes were recorded on tape in the studio without a single outside shot. The result is that, buoyed up by Tim Harvey's universally hailed sets, the actors go for it in an electrifyingly theatrical way, relishing Jack Pulman's bracing and mordant script.

Made now, Claudius would have to be on film, shot where the light was thought Mediterranean and the games and other great set pieces could be "realistically" staged with hundreds of extras, at the expense of dialogue and character. The slow-burn structure - and even Wise admits to having been nervous of the deliberation in the first two episodes - would be out. So too would be any actor like Derek Jacobi, nowhere near starry enough to be entrusted with such a gigantic role. Who would it be today: Nick Berry? Kevin Whately? Nigel le Vaillant? Whoever, it would not be the director's choice but Alan Yentob's.

"At the time," says Wise, we didn't know we were making a great epic. You just

Claudius scored a number cunning and luck. Wise says: "I was the first director who demanded that I do it all myself," the first also to have the same studio camera crew throughout a long serial, allowing him to develop a close understanding with the late Jim Atkinson. They don't have the cameramen now," he

adds ruefully. Much of the craft was executed on the wing. Barbara Kronig designed the costumes

"Just keep me in touch", id Wise. Kronig, who organised the reunion with script editor Betty Willingale, and Tim Harvey were permitted to go to Rome for research to see the perspective and the colours".

Pam Meager's make-up used prosthetics in a new way to age the actors. "We were

pushing it." she says. Jacobi's old-age face took six hours. And the financial constraint was fierce. "Tim. Barbara and I each gave back £1,000 at the end because we were under such pressure. I said at the time, the Romans weren't the only ones who got away with

niurder. 1. Claudius reaches back to a make-do-and-mend spirit at the BBC. It had its limitations but it also produced a camara-derie unknown to current programme-makers. John Hurt, whose outrageous Caligula is fondly remembered. declares that "it would be hard to find a show that one had so much fun doing, before or since". "It was like a real company," says Kronig, "a theatre company." Pam Meager remembers there were department heads who led



A young Derek Jacobi as the BBC's Claudius

and holstered the craft services. "There's no one encouraging us now.'

each other, the buffer went untouched (I told Betty Willingale she needed to hire a food-taster, most of her guests having been poisoned in the serial). But they roared and applauded at the tape of extracts Willingale had put together, none louder than Patrick Stewart, who flew in from Los Angeles to see again one of his bewigged perfor-mances. He says *Claudius* is aired regularly on cable in the United States, where it has such a huge cult following that he is more readily identified as Sejanus than as Star Trek's Captain Picard.

First on his feet after the screening, Wise cried: "We did have a wonderful script." As the Sybil tells the newly dead Claudius, it was "quite a story,

#### CONCERTS: A gala occasion at Glyndebourne; celebrating Prokofiev in London; and contemporary Baltic choral works in the Vale of Glamorgan

THE name of Cecilia Bartoli was the big bait at the London Philharmonic's fundraising gala at Glyndebourne, sponsored by Ford. The Italian mezzo was due to sing arias by Mozart and Rossini, the two composers most associated with her, either side of a performance of Beethoven's Eighth Symphony under Roger Norrington. But 24 hours before the off she pleaded indisposition. The LPO was left with an apology and a very substantial hole to fill.

Thomas Allen and Susan Graham sped to the rescue and agreed to stay with Mozart and Rossini. Don Gio-

of the party vanni was first

To the aid

summoned to help the salvage operation. a practical solution because arid than beguiling.
It was left to the American

the orchestra play it under Solti at the Festival Hall the weekend after next and Allen takes the title role at Covent Garden later in the year. Even so, he was probably unwise to

Glyndebourne start of the evening the voice sounded more

> mezzo Susan Graham to provide the gala feel. This she certainly did with Smanie implacabili. Dorabella's furious aria from Cosi in which all consolation is spurned. Graham has been justly admired in the part, both at Covent Garden and here at Glyndebourne. She was on home territory, but she has rarely sung the aria with more panache and accuracy. A total-

ly different side of her mezzo

THE Estonian Philharmonic Chamber

Choir's British debut has been a highlight

of this month's Vale of Glamorgan

Festival. Founded 15 years ago by the

conductor Tonu Kaljuste, the choir has a wide-ranging repertory, but it arrived in

Wales with only contemporary Estonian,

Latvian and Lithuanian works in its bags.

was heard in Sesto's aria of forlorn resignation from Clemenza. After an exuberant Beetho-

ven Eight from Norrington, so exuberant that at one point he dropped his baton. Thomas Allen came into his own during the final third of the evening. He switched from his normal role of the Count in Figaro to the servant for Non più andrai and then to Rossini's own Figaro and Largo al factotum. Audience-pleasing stuff, but delivered with élan. In Cherubino's Non so più Graham proved that she does not need a set and a director behind her to be an actress as

well as a singer.

Mezzo and baritone gave
the Dorabella-Guglielmo duet from Cosi as a playfully sexy encore and then courteously left the floor to Norrington and the orchestra for the Clemenza overture.

JOHN HIGGINS

IN BETWEEN introducing two new concertos by British composers to the cello reper-tory, Mstislav Rostropovich turned to his alternative occupation as conductor, to which he now seems to devote as much time as to his artistry as a cellist. His conducting has improved by leaps and bounds since his first tenta-

tive ventures, and his Sunday

night programme with the

**London Symphony Orchestra** had much to be treasured. He changed the opening work to a seldom-heard piece of official celebration by Prokofiev, a "festive poem". The Meeting of the Volga and the Don. Written in the last year of the composer's life, it

lost none of its appeal since it formally celebrated the openwas written more than 60 ing of the canal linking Rus-sia's two great rivers, a pet

> The final concert focused entirely on Tormis. His work fuses folksong with art music, and in the dozens of numbers we and magnificent cycle Forgotten Peoples, each was full of lively story-telling detail. The songs were performed with rich-voiced precision by a choir that has made

Conduct most becoming LSO/

> Rostropovich year of his life. Cheery mar Barbican Hall ches and noblehearted orches-

though Rostropovich had tral hymns of praise combine in a splurge of musical politsome less than successful ical correctness moments in balancing the It showed the imaginative skill of Prokofier's Second Violin Concerto, the solo part delivered with panache and not a little charm amid all the bravura by the youthful Maxim Vengerov. He seemed to

violin with the admittedly shrill woodwind in the opening movement, from the slow movement onwards the orchestra's contribution was on a par with the soloist's.

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Fourth Symphony to end the programme. The controlled fervour and expressive phrasing at the outset was followed by string playing at its most resplendent in the romantic Andantino movement, crisp and spirited in the famous pizzicato ostinato. And the brass added almost Gothic malevolence to the finale.

The orchestra came fully

into its own in Tchaikovsky's

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All the composers performed at Llandaff Cathedral and St Donat's Castle in the final pair of concerts were represented by retrospective works — an indication of the power of music in

keeping national and religious traditions alive during the years of Soviet domination. But most of the pieces revealed great individuality, too, and the only disappointment was Arvo Part's Te Deum. the longest and least interesting of the scores. Two works that seemed to achieve spiritual simplicity without the longueurs the Lithuanian Peteris Vasks's

# **Voices** from the valley

Vale of Glamorgan **Festival** 

Urmas Sisask's Deo Gratias, Vasks's ecstatic string sonorities, smoothly played by the BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Kaljuste, and Sisask's rich but delicate part-writing both filled the spaces of Llandaff Cathedral to moving effect

I was more impressed than was The Last Pagan Rites by Lithuanian composer Bronius Kutavicius, performed by singers who began off-stage and gradually encircled the audience. There are parts for horns and organ, but most of the hypnotic music is carried by women's and children's voices. Folklore with an historical basis was recalled in the Estonian Veljo Tormis's The Bishop and the Pagan, which recalls vividly the slaying of the missionary Bishop Henry by a Finnish peasant.

relish the sustained physical effort in the bowing and

fingering needed to encom-pass the brilliance and poetry

of the fiddle in a work that has

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New steps among old bones: Dance Umbrella parades with the dinosaur at the Natural History Museum



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# Barefoot in Jurassic park

Fossils provide backdrop and inspiration for a dance on the origins of life,

writes Allen Robertson

nce a dance artist moves beyond the comfortingly familiar confines of the proscenium arch and steps out into the "real" world, all sorts of problems arise. But not until now has a dancer had to cope with being upstaged by a dinosaur.

The fossil in question is the one that looms up in the central hall of the Natural History Museum, the unorthodox locale chosen as the site for the opening event in this year's Dance Umbrella festival of innovative international dance. The piece created specifically for this spot by the American choreographer Stephan Koplowitz is called Genesis Canyon. It lasts for only 40 minutes, but took three years to bring to fruition.

Koplowitz is an artist who had long intrigued Val Bourne, Dance Umbrella's artistic director. "He has a very special talent for making us look at familiar things in new and exciting ways, for making us see that dance isn't just lovely elitist stuff that only happens at the Opera House. We all need to be conscious of that, and that's what I'd like this project to achieve.

Those of us who care about dance know this is the truth, but a project such as this really does allow the general public to see that there isn't anything to be afraid of, to see that dance can be for everybody."

Dances created for individual spaces — known as "sitebring off. All sorts of bureautake a fresh look at something you couldn't agree more. "I'm



Choreographer Stephan Koplowitz directs dancers at the Natural History Museum. The 40-minute Genesis Canyon took three years to create

Koplowitz and his dancers had to start rehearsing at 7.30am, then break until after dark. The staff at the museum, supportive though they have been, could hardly ignore the fact that the primary purpose of their building during the day is to serve the public.

"One of the things that a site-specific work does," says

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cratic byways have to be that they might have taken for negotiated. In this case, granted I drive past here every day, but I hadn't been inside since I was a kid. But Steve is once again making us realise what a spectacular building this is.

In a way, site-specific work is evangelical because it offers the possibility of erasing that pernicious idea that dance is for a select few who have been educated to understand it."

very proud to say that my work is accessible to anybody," Koplowitz says. "My work is very clear. It is all about people, in the same way that buildings are about people. In my works people talk, they sing, they chant, they might play an instrument, and they dance. It's a very collaborative thing. I am

not a purist." Now 40, Koplowitz has built States for creations in spots like New York's Grand Central Station. But he was in one of America's most remote locales when Bourne invited

him to come to London. "I was working on a piece specifically created for the most eastern point in the United States - Eastport,

Maine - 12 hours from New

York. I was working on a remote Native American reservation when the phone rings and it's Val calling from London inviting me to book a flight and come on over to be a professional 'site-seer'. In the end, I made four trips and saw many, many places.

Koplowitz probably now knows more about London's grand historic buildings than most Londoners. Initially he would start off in the British Museum's Reading Room and progress, with the audience trailing the dancers, across Russell Square to end up in the new British Library. That idea was kicked around for some 18 months," says Bourne. "But, and I'm sure Steve would agree, we have

"All along," says Koplowitz, "the Natural History Museum was number two on my list. I can only say that I was lucky that the British Library didn't come through, because this has turned out to be one of the most perfect sites I've ever worked in.

We've come up with a piece that has been directly inspired by the particular landscape of this cathedral-like room. Anyit must recognise that the mission of this institution begins with the origins of life. That's what put this building in business. So. Genesis Canyon is inspired by that, by this huge expanse of time."

· Genesis Canyon can be seen at 7.30pm and 9pm on Saturday and Sunday at the Natural History Museum (0171-387 0031)

# Choruses of approval

The winner of the first Musical of the Year competition has been chosen - and the year is 1920

The top prize in the first Musical of the Year competition goes to an American, whose musical is based on a novella by a Hungarian. Enter the Guardsman, which won the £40,000 top prize on Saturday, is an elegant. witty, light chamber piece which could do well in small British and American

But it had its first public outing as part of a multimillion-pound television spectacular staged in ... Aarhus, Denmark. The reason is fairly simple - not only does Aarhus have the best lyric theatre in Denmark, but it is near the headquarters of Bang & Olufsen, a major sponsor of the show, and of the competition.

it was a spectacular event, thanks to the West End talent which was shipped in to perform the excerpts - all the entries had to be in English. because most successful musicals are. Julia Mc-Kenzie directed a team of actors led by Denis Quilley. Bonnie Langford, Joanna Riding and John Barrow-

We saw only half an hour of each of the three shortlisted musicals, chosen from 266 entries, and when the dust settled it was known that the winner will probably be seen at Chichester next summer. The second prizewinner, The Three Musketeers, is likely to be produced at about the same time in Plymouth by Apollo Leisure, and both have the West End as their

Enter the Guardsman is based on Ferenc Molnar's story of a showbiz marriage in which the husband tests the wife's fidelity by trying to seduce her while in disguise, all of it witnessed

was created by the real-life American writing marriage of Scott Wentworth and Marion Adler, with music by a former concert pianist, Craig Bohlmer.

The dialogue is polished and snappy, and it was the script that won the prize; but the music is cleverly reminiscent of the light opera of the 1930s, the period of the musical.

The Three Musketeers, which won £20,000, is British, a treatment of the Dumas novel with music by George Stiles, lyrics by Paul Leigh and book by Peter Raby. The story has, of course, been adapted before - with mostly lamentable results. This time, Raby said, they have stuck to the original, taking it to its less than happy ending and investing the characters with some personality.

The third prizewinner (of £10,000) was also from America - Red, Red Rose by George Rosie and Paul Alan Johnson, a brash, coarse assessment of the lusty life and wild times of Robbie Burns.

There was, it must be said, some murmuring from the writers afterwards that, for an event that was supposed to celebrate their efforts, they were effectively sidelined by the TV production and not involved at all in rehearsals. But the questions Danish Broadcasting will be asking itself is whether any of the shows which bobbed to the top would be in line for production without Saturday's event, and whether the talents of the winners were Aarhus, rather than being discovered.

Perhaps all will become clearer in two years when, it is hoped, the exercise will be repeated.

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25-29 September



Clive Carter and Denis Quilley in the Musical of the Year, and winner of £40,000, Enter the Guardsman

# A Gallic vision of Hades

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des as a sort of 18th-century

got the right venue in the end."

SOMETIMES I hate the French — they can do things effortlessly that we manage only with Herculean effort. Without any fuss at all they can restore their national opera house: Palais Garnier's matchless fantasy, truly one of the world's great buildings, glows once more, but gently the refurbishment has been achieved with the utmost

And within the Garnier they can mount a production at once inimitably elegant. vastly entertaining and huge-ly serious of Rameau's tragédie lyrique — just about the most civilised (and swift) four hours you could hope to spend in a theatre.

The piece could of course only be French and born in the Age of Reason. Who else would devise a version of Phèdre in which the guilty stepmother's demise passes almost unnoticed and all is concentrated on a Happy Ending with Hippolytus sur-viving his encounter with the sea-monster to live in blissful contentment with his beloved Aricia? There is a proper out if the action threatens to get too heated, it is broken off for lengthy song-and-dance divertissements to near-comic effect when Theseus returns from a trip to Hades to find any amount of nastiness in his Athenian woodshed, but has to wait patiently while his

subjects welcome him home.

First things first — I love it.

Even after 250 years, Ramean's music cannot fail to astound with its variety and invention, from passages of Bachian gravity to rustic dance rhythms and orchestral effects that make the eruption of Berlioz a century later altogether less surprising. The music was played with boundless style and vivacity by William Christie and his Arts Florissants. Just as satisfying was Ana Yepes's choreography: period dance over here can look precious and mannered, but here the wristOPERA Ellis Island where admission is granted by short-tempered clerks and where you spend eternity being whipped by ballet boys seemed a fair enough vision of hell to me. Hippolyte

The singing was magnifi-cent Lorraine Hunt heroic of tone as Phaedra, Laurent Naouri (Theseus) showing the Jean-Marie Vilart of French declamation is legier's production found a not dead, and Mark Padmore (Hippolytus) matching him consonant for consonant. perfect air of ironic detachment to temper its basic seriousness. His idea of Ha-

RODNEY MILNES

# Let's talk stage



spend almost as much time talking about it as they do going to plays. So these six talks and discussions about theatrical trends are bound to be of interest to Theatre Club members. The series has been devised by the club,

the Society of London Theatre, and the hour-long sessions, starting at 5.30pm, will take place at the Theatre Museum in Tavistock Street, WC2. Tickets are £2 (normally £3.50). To book, telephone 0171-836 2330 (Tues to Sun: Ilam to 7pm)

Oct 15. The New Sceptics. Does new writing have a heart? What are today's writers' concerns? Stephen Daldry (arnistic director of the Royal Court: Max Stafford Clark (Out of Joint theatre company), and playwrights Mark Ravenhill and Joe Penhall

Oct 22. Across the Media. The problems of adaptation are dis-cussed by Nigel Williams, the novelist, playwright, and former editor of BBC2's Omnibus programme, and Jonathan Holloway, whose adoptation of Bartleby is currently at the Pleasance Theatre, London

Oct 29. Theatre ghettos. Gay plays, black plays, Irish plays: is theatre being over-categorised and, as a result, preaching to and entertaining the already con-verted? The panel includes Philip Hedley (Theatre Royal Stratford LOVERS of the theatre

the Theatre Museum and

East), Philip Osment (Gay Sweat-shop) and Hardial Rai (Watermans Aris Centre)

Nov 5. Does foreign theatre travel? Why does Britain stage so little work from other countries? Producer Thelma Holt, trans-lator Jeremy Sams and critic John Elsom discuss

Nov 12. Do we need the play-wright? What influence is perfor-mance art and physical theatre having on traditional theatre? Tom Morris of Battersea Arts Centre and performance artists Jonathan Stone and Andrey Barteney discuss

Nov 19. From Fringe to Up West. What happens to a play when it moves from a small venue to the West End? Jenny Topper, artistic director of Hampstead Theatre. the Royal Court's chief executive, Vicky Heywood, and playwright Kevin Elyot tell all

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Frank Finlay is riveting as the handyman with something to hide in Ronald Harwood's play



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The cranks and crazies of the Midwest are brought to life on the stage of the Gate

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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on Harwood's latest; plus a fringe round-up

# Netting the village Nazi

FASCISTS in a quiet village somewhere in southeast England? That will not surprise anybody who has seen a certain sort of old lady marching across the green, moustache bristling. umbrella in fist. But Ronald Harwood has a more troubled, sobering and topical figure in mind. The protagonist of his absorbing Handyman is a British counterpart of America's Demjanjuk, the aged car-worker plucked from obscurity in Cleveland to face trial for atrocities allegedly committed in Ukraine 50 years before. Complicity with Nazism is much on Harwood's mind these days. His

> The Handyman Minerva, Chichester

recent Taking Sides involved the accusations against the conductor Furtwängler. But here the supposed crime is a lot worse than raising a baton for Hitler. The huddled, shuffling, chalk-faced old handyman so rivetingly played by Frank Finlay graduated from the Ukrainian nationalist militia to a Ukrainian SS division, having taken a leading role in the massacre of some 800 Jews; or so the British police now claim.

Did Romka Kozachenko do it? If so, does it matter, now that he is a thoroughly decent, God-fearing old man? Should we British really have put retrospective legislation in place to arraign the war criminals of 50 years ago? The obvious questions are duly raised by Romka's employers. Hugh Bonneville's Julian, an aggressive young financier, thinks the whole affair a costly fuss about nothing. Kate Lynn-Evans's Cressida is a more robust and, in Harwood's view, more worrying believer in his innocence.

HIRED GUNT.C., the Windy City's new rival to legendary Chicago company Steppenwolf, are in town. Get along to the Gate in Notting Hill where they are portraying the cranks and crazies of the Midwest with intense naturalism.

Bug. Tracy Letts's funny and disturbing new thriller. traps us in a tiny shack where Agnes (tough yet susceptible Shannon Cochran) lives alone. She has been holed up there, superficially having a high old time snorting coke but vulnerably lonely after losing her child. Now. Jerry, her obsessive, violent ex-husband (superbly gross, roach-like Marc Nelson) returns to pester her. At the same time, the seeming-



Francesca Hunt and Frank Finlay play the solicitor and the eponymous handyman in Ronald Harwood's play

I suspect that Harwood will not be wholly pleased if I say that the most effective encounters in the play are those in which two policemen politely quiz Romka. With Allan Surtees's unrepentant anti-Semite and Sheila Burrell's devastated old nun appearing above the stage to give faces and voices to their statements, the action combines the tension of a good thriller with the gravity of terrible wrongs remembered. But the scenes in which Julian and Cressida discuss the issues with Marion Stone, the impressively articu-

ly sensitive Gulf veteran Peter

(stringy Michael Shannon)

He and Agnes, against all

the odds, are a touching

couple. Peter tells Agnes he

has escaped from a psychiatric

hospital where the Army has

been conducting medical ex-

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walks into her life.

late solicitor they have hired, surely matter more to Harwood; and they do not come so fully to life.

Does the case "proclaim the standards by which our society lives", as Francesca Hunt's Marion argues, or show an unforgiving, unchristian mob hunting down a helpless 78-year-old, as Lynn-Evans's increasingly anguished Cressida believes? These are important arguments, but one is aware that a didactic playwright is using his characters to air them. Would a real Cressida so blatantly justify Marion's fear that war-crime trials will give a "field-day to those who say the Holocaust never happened"?

But if Harwood fails to prove that rabid anti-Semitism lurks beneath civilised British surfaces, he has written a stimulating and, given Finlay's memorably woebegone performance, a troubling play. If this kindly, earnest old man could have perpetrated horrors - as maybe he did, maybe he didn t - how many of us can be sure that, given the right time and temptations, our humanity would stay intact?

> focuses on two co-dependent sisters. Aimee arrives to stay with Pola, her runaway, unstable, possessive big sis. Pola is squatting in the old pier, spraying the town with graffiti and coming on strong to anything in trousers. Aimee has her staid fiance in tow, so sparks are bound to ily.

Forbidden desires, malicious jealousy and aggression begin to run riot. Unton slips intriguingly into her characters' fantasies, but their basic behaviour needs to be more believable. Lisa Goldman's cast do a commendable job, but this script is roughly

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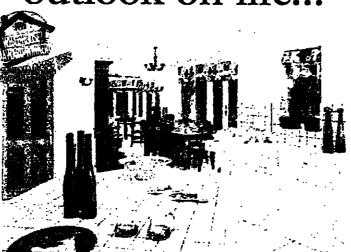
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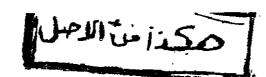


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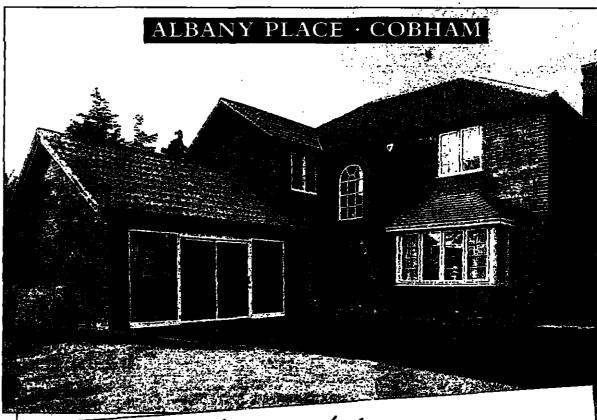
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New developments could include low-cost housing. But there might be problems. Rachel Kelly reports

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to build at least 100,000 new homes a year for people on low incomes. So says the Council for the Protection of Rural England, the Housing Corporation (the Government's quango which provides low-cost housing) the housing charity Shelter, the distinguished housing academic Dr Christine Whitehead from London University, and even the Environment Department.
But where will all these low-cost

homes be built? And who is to build them? Local authorities have given up building homes and greatly reduced their stock of council houses since the sell-off programme of the late 1980s. Homeless families are relying increasingly on the private rented sector, subsidised by the escalating housing benefit budget to pay average rents of £130 a week, according to the London Research

The answer could be developers - and their hands could be forced by the Government, because of the planning system. Last month the Environment Department's latest planning guidance to local authorities was that before they gave the go-ahead for new developments. builders should provide at least some social housing on suitable sites. Of course, not all sites are appropriate. Builders should provide affordable housing on larger sites over 1.5 hectares or where 40plus houses are being built. The rules are different for suitable inner London sites, and in settlements of under 3.000 in rural areas. On sites of at least one hectare and 25 new homes, builders must include affordable housing. Why smaller sites have been spared the burden is unclear.

The proportion of a site to be dedicated to affordable housing is a matter of negotiation between the local authority and the developer. after a housing needs survey which must be carried out by that local authority. The guidance is the culmination of long-standing government attempts to see a mix of public and private housing, as part of its wider aim of encouraging private and public-sector partnerships. The concept of "partnership housing" was pioneered by Lovell Homes when it undertook its first scheme with the Borough of Thamesdown in 1971, building council housing alongside private homes. Since then, Wimpey, Bellway and Lovell have worked alongside local authorities and housing associations, especially in urban regeneration. Established builders have set up specialist divisions to build low-cost homes for rent alongside their private practice, funded chiefly by the Housing Corporation, which now bears government responsibility for providing new homes for rent.

The scheme has angered developers. Ian Shiner, of the London-based Mark Oliver Homes, says: This is a virtual tax on private-sector development."

In theory, local authorities must allocate enough land for housing in their development plans, but builders fear that they will reject plans for affordable housing and sell the land to boost revenue.

In Yorkshire, Kirklees Metropol-itan Council put forward an affordable housing requirement of 760 houses a year, a figure it is going to find hard to meet. The council has been more innovative than most in solving the problem by introducing cross-subsidies, where part of the price of a site is used to subsidise a housing association's funding needs. It has been working with Mark Oliver Homes in devising a DoE-approved low-cost housingfor-sale scheme.

Grants to housing associations have been cut, and developers are cautious over footing the bill. Who will have to install new infrastructure, for example?

Developers may find ways around the new obligations: they may even be forced to. Banks that fund developments are opposed to the inclusion of social housing



The estate on the edge of Claverley in Shropshire: the sale of the 20 homes helped to keep the rents low on 12 houses

#### MIXED BLESSINGS OF A HYBRID DEVELOPMENT

WHEN Deborah Williams and her husband decided to buy their first home, they looked to a new development of two, three and fourbedroom homes, in the village of Claverley, in Shropshire, Amanda Loose writes.

Mrs Williams says: "My husband is in the Forces, so until last year we lived in rented accommodation on base. But we decided to buy, and came across the development in

What is different about the Danforth Heath estate is that 12 of the 32 houses were built for rental as a low-cost social housing development, subsidised by the sale of the other 20 homes. The development was a partnership be-tween Bridgnorth District Council, Sanctuary

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Housing Association and the developers Lovell Partnerships. Work started in January 1994, and the Williamses moved in in April 1995. David Gladwyn of Lovell Partnerships says:

"Our main concern was to gauge the market so we could make as much money as possible on the land to cross-subsidise the social housing. We also wanted to combine this with providing homes for a cross-section of people, to fit in with the rest of village."

The company built four detatched, fourbedroom houses which sold for about £140,000. The remaining 16 homes built for sale were two or three-bedroom houses, selling for £75,000 to £85,000. Along with the money Sanctuary raised privately, the cross-subsidy enabled Lovell to build 12 low-cost homes on the same site. A further 20 were also built in nearby Shifnal. Tenants for the social housing scheme were nominated by the district council.

Mrs Williams says: "The two sets of houses

are completely separate, with separate access. Our three-bedroom house is in a cul-de-sac. which the social housing runs parallel to. If the private and housing association properties had been mixed together we might have had reservations, which might not have been justified, when we came to buy."

Mrs Williams feels the development has

worked, and that in any case you can never really choose your neighbours. "People often buy houses," she says, "then let them out."

> that there is no evidence that social housing has any detrimental value on a site." He adds that social housing is rarely low-quality.

> The purpose of the recommendations is to make more land available for affordable housing. But what the scheme actually does is to transfer the cost for the provision of social housing to those who choose to buy privately built houses on large schemes. These will inevita-

"Is it morally right," Mr Shiner

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ties," she says.

mixed communities." The other major question mark is

can make only a small dent in the need for affordable homes."

Catherine Chater of Action with Communities in Rural England is equally dismayed. "We find it extraordinary that the Government has now chosen to prevent local authorities from negotiating an ele-ment of social housing on sites of under 25 units in small communi-

This seems particularly perverse, given the Government's own admission of a shortage of rural social housing and its support for

whether consumers will wish to buy houses at such schemes, given the inevitable tensions between "us" and "them"; the haves and have-nots. But Mr Shiner believes that mixed tenure can work on

large sites. He says: "If you can differentiate between the types of housing, we see no reason why it shouldn't work. On our latest 50-acre site we've provided a community centre and shops, and there is separate access. It works because of the way the land lies and the way in which the scheme has been designed."
Ian Marris of Knight Frank says

bly become more expensive.

asks, "for the developers to provide the social housing that the Government should be providing?"

## Country rentals are in style

Amanda Loose sees a change

in the market

The country house rentals market is booming. Homeownership no longer has the social cachet it once had. Figures from Strutt & Parker show that the number of tenants who prefer to rent, even though they can afford to buy, has risen for the third consecutive year, from 33 per cent to 38 per cent since 1005

Renting in the country is now socially acceptable, says Anna Sugden of the firm's country lettings. Large rural properties account for more than a third of lettings nationally. And the market is still growing.

As the number of people seeking rented country houses for holidays or weekends rises. says Strutt & Parker, owners of desirable houses are raising their rents.

Rental values for four-bedroom period country houses have risen since 1994, by 51 per cent in Kent, 46 per cent in Essex and 11 per cent in Hampshire over the past two years. A five-bedroom country house near Newbury can cost anything from £1.600 a month to more than £2,000 a month. Similar properties in Buckinghamshire, with gardener, can reach £2,750. They are

being snapped up.

Bill Hughes of Cluttons's country division says: "Owners of country houses are now more likely to consider letting their house rather than selfing, because of the big rents now being paid."

Often, according to agents, rental country houses are taken before they are even advertised on the open market. The trend has been boosted by the shortage of country houses on Ms Sugden says: "The de-

mand for country houses to rent has risen as the shortage of good quality country houses to buy has grown. Many of our clients want to buy something in the area, but have been unable to find the right house. So they want to rent, and they continue looking." Barbara Blanchard of John

D. Wood lettings agrees. "In the southern areas I deal with. from Surrey to Dorset, lew country houses are for sale at present," she says. "When a good property comes on the market, it is snapped up.



Guy and Katrina Fletcher and daughter Liberty at Brimpton

Similarly, the demand for

More Londoners are seek-

ing country houses near schools. They must also be near to good road and rail links with the capital. The

counties that top the rental rat-

ings are unsurprisingly, about an hour by rail from

Alison Muller of Knight

Frank rentals in Oxford says:

\*Country life is back in fash-

ion. Often, people are letting their houses in London, and

moving to the country in

Even if the house is just for holiday use, it will often be

chosen because it is close to the

children's school. "Parents

don't want to spend much of

their weekends and holidays

in the car, driving children to

search of good schools."

country houses to rent also

outsinps supply."

London.

and from school," she says.
Oxfordshire boasts The

Dragon prep school and Cher-well School, among others.

Other rental hotspots with scholastic lure include the

areas near Shrewsbury House

school in Surrey. St Felix School in Suffolk, The King's

School, Canterbury, and Eton College in Berkshire and Bedales School in Hampshire.

Philip Scarff of Savills's

rentals in Suffolk says that

August has been a particularly

busy month because tenants

wanted to be settled before the

beginning of the new school

"In south Suffolk." he says.

many of the people looking

for country houses to rent are

coming from London, and

want both full-time, and sec-

ond homes. So rental levels in

this area can be up to 30 per

vear.

### "HENTAPIEN"

KATRINA and Guy Fletcher moved from Devon to Brimpton, between Newbury and Reading, four years ago, and could not find anything suitable to buy at the time. Mrs Fletcher says: "We moved quickly, and were lucky to get something which had just come up for rent."

They rented their first house, near Reading, for three years, before moving to their 200-year-old four-bedroom cottage, situated in the middle of a wood. They pay £1,000 a month in rent.

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Mrs Fletcher works for Strutt & Parker, and is well aware of the pitfalls and benefits of buying and renting. "We actually prefer to rent." she says. There is a shortage of houses for sale in the £250,000 to £350,000 price range at the moment. Renting is so much more flexible -we can get more space for our

money." The Fletchers have two daughters, aged 13 and 16, living at home. They each have a pony, and the house they have been renting for the last year has two acres of land and three stables.

Mr Fletcher commutes to London each day, which takes about an hour from Reading, and the family all prefer to

live in the country and enjoy riding and walking.
"I like doing country things in my spare time," says Mrs Fletcher, "and I don't like to live on top of other people. I

hate the hurly-burly of London life: I prefer to go up just for the odd day."

cent higher than in north Suf-folk. Many Londoners have already sold their London home, and are planning ultimately to move to the country. But first, they want to check out commuting times, schooling, and the country life." Parents in the know are now getting organised even earlier in the great country house rental handicap. Ms Muller spoke to one parent yesterday

who had already booked her son in at a prep school in Oxfordshire for Easter 1997, and wondered whether she was perhaps a little too early in her quest for a country house to rent near by. By the looks of things, she's on track.

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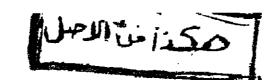
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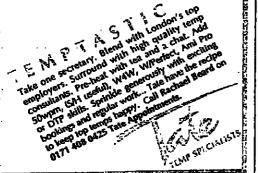
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## Britain in danger of being left at the starting line

JOHN MAJOR wants a successful sporting nation, rightly healthy nation. He needs to direct urgent attention to the somnolent government ad-ministration if Great Britain is not to become an international laughing stock.

The British Olympic Association (BOA) today holds its annual meeting with a de-briefing from Craig Reedie, the chairman, on the Games in Atlanta, where Britain's tally of 15 medals was perceived at home as being unsatisfactory. The stark warning from Professor Peter Radford. the executive chairman of the British Athletic Federation (BAF), is that the future is likely to be worse rather than better, unless the government arm, the new UK Sports Council, wakes up.

Six months ago Radford made an application to the National Lottery, via the old Sports Council - shortly to become the English section under the umbrella of a new. so-called streamlined United Kingdom body - for £9 million. This is intended for adequate preparation of competitors for the next Games, at Sydney in 2000. Unbelievably, the reply was: "Apply again in the autumn for allocation in November 1997.

Such is the procrastination between one quango and another, between paper-shuffling sinecure chairmen. Sir Rodney Walker (old council) and Lord MacLaurin (new UK council), both of whom keep their titled heads beneath the parapet when the flak flies, that those with responsibility at the sharp end are frustratingly balked. While Government fiddles, prospects burn.

"We were trying to set the pace." Radford said. "We didn't want to wait until post-Atlanta. Now, another year is likely to have gone, a quarter of the Olympic cycle, before anything happens. If we don't get adequate funding, we're in danger of slipping into the

second division. We're still doing things in the old, amateurish way. A long-term proneeds long-term gramme

So absurd is the procrasti-nation, the lack of co-ordination of national interests, that Lord Archer, a former international sprinter and one of many alarmed about the decline of standards, wrote to Sir Rodney requesting immediate response to the BAF's needs. Sir Rodney has replied: "We expect to be in a position to announce our policies and structures on revenue funding in November 1996, with a view to considering first grant applications in February 1997. The earth has moved.

In conjunction with the



Radford: stark warning

BOA, Radford had negotiated for adjustment to lottery fund regulations, to make funds available for competitor preparation as well as facilitycreation, without which Britain cannot hope to match nations on equal terms. It is trite to argue, as some did after the disappointments of Atlanta, that more money would not necessarily mean more medals. The equation in

the long term is undeniable. Radford called the existing rant-aid funding for athletics from the (old) Sports Council "derisory": £1 million over four years. "[Some] athletes have to keep families," he said.

"If they are obliged to go for the pay day when selecting their schedule and not because it's the right competition for their preparation before the Olympics or world championships, we'll get the results we deserve. Some com-

petitors were preparing for Atlanta with no income at all." In spite of this, British competitors finished in the top five in 12 track and field events at Atlanta, a reflection of Britain's continuing natural talent, even if there was no gold medal-winner. It is ironic. Radford reflected, that this relative success was deemed a failure while the nation was rejoicing in one player. Tim

Henman, reaching the last

eight at Wimbledon. Reedie will be stressing the same message today: far from pessimistic but concerned at the increasing investment in success by rival nations that are now eroding Britain's traditional prestige. Den-mark, for example, won four gold medals in Atlanta compared with one for Britain -Redgrave and Pinsent - and, per head of its population of five million, commits nearly ten times the public financial support by Britain to its Olympic team.

Denmark are hugely resourced compared with us." Reedie said. "The critical area for us is the revision of lottery rules, to enable funding of governing bodies and competitors.

Reedie is also frustrated by the Sports Council bureaucracy, but emphasised that Britain's collective performance in Atlanta was not the failure widely portrayed, with an increase in silver medals from Barcelona of three to eight; and that, while Britain's team was reduced in size by a quarter, the number of competing nations had risen by 17

If Britain wishes to hold its own, the Government, or its anonymous henchmen, must

## Youn g Ardiles is midfield maestro

... Haileybury ... Batley GS.

By JOHN GOO!

HAILEYBURY'S were triumphant; pioneers in the Independent S, chools Cup yesterday with a c onsummate first round victory in a match that they could we :ll have won by five clear goals years of the Boodle & Dunthorne Cup Haileybury are the first sch 100l that pre-

dominantly pla: ys rugby dur-ing the winter to enter the Yesterday. Ardiles, the son of Ossie, illuminating t' r re midfield, they were always in mpressive, making a mocket by of the fact that they have paractised together only three tit anes this term. The boys were exicused rugby practice yesterd a y to take part in

the tie.

Freddie. whose father, the former Arg & Intina and Tottenham Hotspir ur midfield player. coaches Str imizu Pulse, who play in the Japanese Cup final today, said. : "Rugby is the No I game her e, but football is certainly 1: ecoming more pop-ular." Abs out 230 out of 500 boys playe at football in the lent term an d, last February, Haileybu ry won the six-a-side competiti on, which is restricted to t he 25 independent schools w vho play football only in the ne :w year.

Daviel Pyle, the master in charge , of football at Haileybury, sai id: "This term we have been gir ven space within the week to practise. At this stage, that is a s much as I can ask for and ev eryone here has been extremi ely encouraging." Hail eybury first began play-otball in 1967, when a

ing for boy, Jo ihn Wallace, led a group . fellow pupils to persuade the staff to allow footto take place. Their initia<sup>.</sup> tive may now be followed by of her schools, who principlayed rugby this term whose old boys' team parti cipate in the Arthur Dur in Cup. These include Har row, Eastbourne and Hal perdashers' Aske's.

hey will be encouraged by the fact that so many of the mo st distinguished institutes ha: ve been regular entries in annual Boodle inthorne Cup. Mark Dickson, of Shrews-

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bury, who organises the knockout competition, which this year attracted 35 entries. said: "We were satisfied that Haileybury could fulfil fixtures this time, had a decent pitch and that they do play football there at all

Certainly Haileybury fully justified their decision to participate. Graham Dawson, the master in charge of football at Batley, said: "We knew they

were principally a rugby school, so we thought we were in with a good chance. However, they had three or four strong players who swung the game in their favour."

Haileybury were both more forceful and more inventive in midfield, where Ardiles combined nimbly with Scott O'Donoghue, the captain, and a constant danger to Batley.
Ardiles fed O'Donoghue for the first goal after 38 minutes

and Malcolm Bradford, a bustling striker, added a second in the 54th. O'Donoghue neatly curled a free kick round a defensive wall for the third

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#### Hampshire\* look to Hayden for assistance

HAMPSHIRE signed Matthew Hayden, the Australia Test batsman, as their overseas cricketer for next season yesterday. Hayden, 25, the Queensland vice-captain, has signed a one-year deal. Courtney Walsh, 33, the

West Indies captain, has agreed a new two-year contract with Gloucestershire. The deal is subject to Walsh's obligations to his country's board of control, who want him to stay in the Caribbean after this winter to help develop their domestic game.

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#### Top club

Bowls: West Cornwall won the inaugural Travelsphere EWBA national Top Club championship at Royal Leamington Spa yesterday, when they beat Milton Regis 3-1 in the final. The event is played to a new format, which requires teams of ten to compete in singles, pairs, triples and fours. A late rally by Milton Regis in the fours prevented a West Cornwall whitewash.

#### Rincon wins

Cycling: The Spanish ONCE team continued its domination of the Tour of Spain yesterday when Oliverio Rin-con, of Colombia, won the seventeenth stage, beating Laurent Jalabert, his team colleague and the overall winner last year. Alex Zülle, of Switzerland, retains the over-

#### Second chance

Boxing: Cornelius Carr, of Middlesbrough, has been given a second chance to win a world title. Carr, 27, will meet Lonnie Bradley, the unbeaten World Boxing Organisation middleweight champion, in November.

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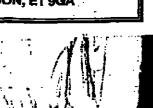
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RACING

## Riyadian withdrawn from Arc after Newbury setback

BRITISH ambitions on the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe suffered a major reverse yesterday when Riyadian was ruled out of the 12-furlong contest. The four-year-old returned home less than sound from a gallop at Newbury racecourse on Saturday. Riyadian's setback is a bit-

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ter pill for his connections, who had targeted him at the race all year. A 12-1 chance prior to his withdrawal, Riyadian ventured to the racecourse just once this season when comfortably landing the Jockey Club Stakes at Newmarket in May. Paul Cole, who trains the horse, and Fahd Salman, his owner, were last night discussing Riyadian's future.

Referring to his Newbury workout. Cole said vesterday: "He only cantered round but was a bit stiff and sore. He was ridden this morning but to run in the Arc you have to be spot on. We have run out of time. It is a great shame because he is one of the few really good horses I have ever had, although he has always been a very difficult horse to

Suggestions that all was not well with Riyadian surfaced when he failed to show for his intended prep race in the Prix

Foy carlier this month. Cole's burning ambition to win the Paris showpiece was fuelled when Generous, his Derby and King George winner, was comprehensively beaten at Longchamp in 1991. The defeat emphasised to Cole that only fresh horses win the Arc. hence Riyadian's light campaign this season. The Whatcombe trainer has Strategic Choice engaged in the Arc but the five-year-old is more likely to contest the Gran Premio del Jockey-Club in

Italy the following weekend. Coral yesterday took ac-count of Riyadian's defection by trimming its ante-post book. Helissio remains 3-1 favourite, followed by 6-1 Zagreb, 13-2 (from 7-1) Pentire,

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Swain, 7-1 (from 8-1) Classic Cliche, Darazari, and 10-1 (from 12-1) Shaamit.

Olivier Peslier, confirmed earlier this week as Helissio's big-race jockey, yesterday telegraphed his intention to ride regularly in Britain by appointing David "Shippy" Ellis

as his agent on these shores. The new partnership has been quick to make its mark: Peslier has four rides at the Festival of British Racing at Ascot on Saturday. But Shake The Yoke, his intended mount in the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes, seems destined to miss the event in favour of a race in Kentucky next month.

Peslier, 25, has created a favourable impression in a handful of British forays. He was initially championed by Paul Kelleway, who engaged the jockey for Glory Of Danc-

er's classic campaign.

After winning the Dante
Stakes at York, Peslier gave
Glory Of Dancer a textbook ride round Epsom where the combination finished fourth in the Derby. A double at Royal Ascot, courtesy of Shake The Yoke and Southern Power, served to amplify Peslier's

The esteem in which Peslier is held in Britain is demonstrated by his rides at Ascot on Saturday, Lucky Lionel, Celes-tial Key, Prancing and Plaisir D'Amour hail from four different stables. "A lot of French jockeys have received a bad reception here," Ellis said, "but this one is different. He is young and enthusiastic, and he wants to broaden his horizons. Arranging rides for him has been very straightfor-

Furthermore, Peslier has been rampant in France this season. Retained by Daniel Wildenstein, he leads Thierry Jarnet by more than 30 winners in the French jockeys'

He recently rode seven winners in just three days, includ-ing Helissio in the Prix Niel. journeys to Toronto on Sunday to ride Wildenstein's Gunboat Diplomacy in the Canadian International, formerly the Rothmans.



Weaver initiates a 140-1 treble on Atlantic Desire in the Walter Nightingall Maiden Stakes at Epsom yesterday

### Johnston's raid reaps 140-1 treble

MARK JOHNSTON made the 254-mile journey from his Middleham base to Epsom worthwhile when all three of his runners won under his stable, jockey Jason Weaver, for a 140-1 treble.

Atlantic Desire set up yesterday's sequence when cruising to a six-length triumph in the Walter Nightingall Maiden Stakes. Balladoole Bajan followed up last month's Thirsk victory with a half-length win in the Staff Ingham Nursery Handicap, while Maid For Baileys was finally rewarded for consistency when getting off the mark in

the Ladbroke Handicap. Second in eight of her 13 starts, Maid For Baileys held Don't Get Caught by

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three-quarters of a length, and may now be retired. "At last she's cracked it," Johnston's assistant, James Given, said. "I know her owner, Paul Venner, is keen to breed from her and he may decide to retire her now.

"Mark told me not to come back without a winner when I went to Newbury and Wolverhampton on Saturday and I felt I'd let him down when I turned in on Monday with no successes to report. But hopefully he will be pleased with today's haul."

Richard Quinn was also in good form, completing a double on Mount Pleasant and Magellan. He picked up the ride on the latter after an injury to usual jockey

2.20 HEART (nap). 2.50 Beryllium. 3.20 Pericles. 3.50 Beaumont. 4.20 Entrepreneur. 4.50 Arry Leigh.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.50 Beaumont.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 5F-7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST SIS

5-4 Ginger Fox, 4-1 Ballet High, Heart, 5-1 Geliber, 8-1 Wybara, 12-1 others.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.50 CROFTERS CEILIDH.

2.20 CARDEN MADEN STAKES

2.50 MARFORD MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,626: 71 2yd) (10)

(£4,107: 1m 5f 89yd) (9 runners)

Brett Doyle. Doyle bruised his ankle when Fruitie O'Flarety threw him in the stalls in the opening race, and had to give up the rest of his rides.

Formerly trained in Dubai, Magellan made all the running to inflict another defeat on Double Leaf, beating the Derby tenth by two lengths in the Stanley Wootton Conditions Stakes.

"He's a horse who had a bit of temperament but he has gone as sweet as a nut today," Magellan's trainer, Clive Brittain, said. "It's a shame Brett couldn't ride because he has done a marvellous job and rides all his work. He's bruised the inside of his ankle and should be all right tomorrow."

### GOODWOOD -

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2.30 Silca's My Key 3.30 Waterspout

4.00 Fahim 5.00 Mr Rough 5.30 Divine

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.00 BAL HARBOUR (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

### 2.30 DEEKS & STEERE BUILDING CONTRACTORS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SELLING STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,623: 71) (10 runners)

•	101	(6)	60455	BAPSFORD 1	19 (C Panteck) G L	Moore 8-11 .		S Sanders	
	102	(6)		FORFORD LA	D (Mrs A Brown)	(Jones B-11		A Perban	í
•	103	(7)						J Tate	
	104	(9)	025550	SILCA'S MY	KEY 6 (V,D,F) (Al	dridge Racing) i	M Charren 8-1	1 PP Murphy (5)	
	105	(4)	301530	SUMMERVIL	LE WOOD 15 (F)	(Litely Lads Par	aners) P Moon	y 8-11 P Doe (7)	
	106	(1)						S Decourse	
	107	(5)	354256	Marsh Mar	BEOLD 7 (Ladysw	ood Racing) M	Meade 8-5	J Reid مــــــــ با	i
	108	(3)						D Harrison	
	109	(C)						T Quinn	
	110	(10)						R Marien (7)	
	BETTI	NG: 17	4 Silais	Mv Kev. 7-2 B	austord, 6-1 Why	z Kid. 7-1 Sum	mensile Wood.	Prestatel, 8-1 Sea	ď

pinew, Marsh Marigold, 10-1 others 1995: LILLI CLAIRE 8-6 D Holland (10-1) A Foster 18 ran FORM FOCUS

BAPSFORD 101 5th of 14 to Jethrey Anotherned at landscap at Kempton (61, good). SLCA'S MY KEY about 31 5th of 15 to Sinde in handscap at Lingsted (71 149yds, good to farm) on chandscap at Lingsted (71 149yds, good to farm) on channel at landscap at Lingsted (71 149yds, good to farm) on channel at Haydock (61, good). PRESKIDUA. 7 kil 8th of 19 to Commander James in WHZZ KID 9944 4th of 12 to Eager To Please in settler at Lingsted (AW. 61). Selection: BAPSFORD.

#### 3.00 HOSHIZAKI ICEMAKERS AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O: £5,537-71) (15 runners)

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302	(5)	2	SUPPLY AND DEMANED 14 (Action) 6.1 Moore 8-10 S Whitworth
203	ெ	65121	SHEER FACE 16 (D.F) (A de V Panot) W Mus 8-9 J Reld
204	(14)	301	WHITE HOT 7 (D.F) (Serendeptly Partners) E Duntop 8-9 R Hills
205	(3)	1142	JECHYD-DA 76 (S) (F Mercer) M Bell 8-8 M Femion
306	an	a	THE COMMIDIONIE 32 (Commission Parises) W James 8-7 Stephen Davies
207	(8)	80	STREAMENE 22 (Cay Shokers) G Lewis 8-4
208	(f)	0	TURISA 91 (V) (B Gubby) B Gubby 8-4
209	(9)	5100	PAPITA 18 (C.F) (G Stemberg) S Dow 8-3 A Daily (5)
210	(10)		SYLVAN JUSTI ACION (Nos R Johnson) P Mitchell 8-1 A Chirk
211	(r)	8	TARTAN PARTY 21 (Nes M McMaran) P Cole 8-1 C Rotter
212	(4)	34	CITY GAMPLER 7 LI May G Bravery 7-13 D R McCabe
213	(15)	0	FARLE 15 (G Toder) J Toller 7-10 Decian 075068
214	(3)	3	CRET TOKEN 30 (Mrs. D Elis) O Chappell 7-10
215	172)	31	KALINAA 74 (D.F) (Else Razing) P Cole 7-10 F Norton
BETTU	NG: 7-2	Pehan.	4-1 Sheer Face, 6-1 lectyd-Da, 8-1 Papeta, 16-1 Supply And Demand. White Hot. 1

1995: DUAKERS FIELD 8-10 S Whitworth (5-1) G L Micore 11 can

#### FORM FOCUS

agh (6), good to yesting) SUPPLY AND DE- MAND 32 hold of 9 to Shin-Take in marden at Epsom 71, good to firm). SHEER FACE bear Fielcher 11 in 11-nuner transi- ap at Bath (1m. good to firm) bearts WIT beard (Jenn 18 Schope kil in 12-nuner	14) Zud ol 3 in Brane Act in spice al Redicar (7), prod to firm). PAPITA best recent effort hast Cam- bridge Ball 51 in resident at Ecoderood (6), good to larm) TARTAN PARTY 1:3 12th of 23 to Larly Godera in reactor at Yord (1m, good). NALTINA best Double Gold 354 in 6-runner maden at Wa- nets, (7), good to firms). Selection: PAPITA

#### 3.30 ST IVEL GOLD CUP MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y	(2-Y-0, £4,271· 1m) (12 nanners)					
301	(7)	BENTHOSE (Clearvew Partners) Lady Hernes 9-0 Declar O'Shee				
302	(3)	00 ELHARD 74 (Herndan Al Maldourn) W Hern 9-0 R 1985				
303	iti	HERITAGE (Mahales Racing) J Gooden 9-0				
3D4	(4)	54 MORU F HERO 74 (P Sheetan) J Sheetan 9-0				
305	181	OG PADALIK 19 (G Stemberg) M Haynes 9-8 A McGran				
306	(6)	OA TICHIANE SERVIN LIE AMEN 35 (Fabri Sahman) H CARRY 9-0 U PAREN				
307	(12)	SHEFFIELD SHARK (C Winght) D Arbuithol 9-0				
306	(9)	36 STANTON HARCOURT (1 (C Humphins) J Dunley 9-0				
309	t tät					
310	(2)	3 VOYAGERS DUEST 12 (R Kister) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid				
311	151	TO THE PROPERTY OF A SAMPLES OF HEADERS SHOWN IN THE PARTY OF THE PART				
317	1711	GO SWAN ISLAND 15 (A Baron) B Palling 8-9 Principles				
OIL.	11.17	National Additional Control (4.2 Heritage 6-1 Stanton Harcourt, 8-1 Pennys From Heaven,				

1995, SELECT FEW 9-0 J Wester (11-4) L Currani 13 can

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EUHAPIO 121 7th of 13 to Sheer Folly in madden 4 Rempton (7), good to famili on perudiamate start NOBLE HERIO 5141 4th of 9 to Saffy Betavious in maiden al Salesbury (6), good to lem)
PENNYS FROM HEAVEN GX.1 dft of 15 to Eme-pressur in maden al kempton (7), good) seth PADALIK /XI 8th, STANTON HARCOURT about

61/1 6th of 11 to Factoric Fellow in maiden at York 



GOODWOOD SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 6 winners from 20 numers, 30 0%, M Stoute, 22 from 95, 23.2%, E Dunkop, 3 from 14, 21.4%, P Cole, 27 from 133, 20.3%, H Ceci, 18 from 91, 19 8%, J Gosden, 23 from 127, 18.1%

FASI, best Deadline Time neck in 8-sumer race here (tim 21, good to term) on persaturate start fast (tim 21, good). SHALATICERO head 2nd of 10 to Same-til in banklad at Haydock (tim 294, good). SHALATICERO head 2nd of 10 to Same-til in banklad at Haydock (tim 294, good). SHALATICERO head 2nd of 10 to Bates Deagliber in JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 38 winners from 193 ndes, 19 7% T Quant, 43 from 306, 14 1%; J Reid, 37 from 262, 14 1%, R Hughes, 7 from 66, 10 6%, M Fenton, 3

#### GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103	(12)	0-0432 GC	OD TIMES 74 (CD.BF	(F,6,5) (Mrs D Rebrason) B Had 9-10-0 B West (4)
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#### 4,00 R O A FOUNDATION STAKES

(Listed race: £17,788: 1m 2i) (5 runners)	
407 (1) 1.402-504 OVERSURY 17 (F.G.S.) (Godolphin) S bin Sureo 5-9-7 T Cein 1027 (6) 1-11-425 BAE RAFEDOR 42 (0.5-) (F. Adelsky) (Cest) 5-9-0 Test State	n S
WZ " (4) 1-11-25 BAE HARROUR 12 DJ-) IF Abbar H Cool 5-8-0	y E
403 (2) 1225-34 SANDOSEA 122 (5) (Malapum Al Malabum) M Sando 4-9-0 J Rei	
404 (3) 125512 HVENNAH 17 (D.F.S) (Votedan Ali) B Rankovy 48-0	
405 (5) 0-1112 FAHM 35 (CO.BF.F.) (Hamdan Al Makhoum) A Shawari 3-8-8	. (
SETTRAG: 9-4 Sanoosea, 11-4 Bal Harbour, 3-1 Hagneth, 4-1 Falien, 5-1 Dresbury.	

404 (3) '025112' HARRIANH 17' (D.F.S) (Abdidish Ali) B Rankov 48-0 405 (3) 0-1112' FANN 35 (50,6F.F) (Hancson Al Maldoum) A Sewent 3-8-4 BETTING: 9-4 Sacousea, 11-4 Bal Harbour, 3-1 Hagnath, 4-1 Fabirn, 5-1 Dresbary.	
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į	501	<b>(9</b> )	203321	MALIBU MAN 13 (D.F.6) (Church Racog) E Wheeler 4-10-0	9
ı	502	(6)		OUT LINE 19 (Mass D Green) M Madesuck 4-9-13, N Variey (3)	9
ı	503	(12)	441240	MBDRACE 35 (D.F)(D Abboth) K heavy 3-9-12 T Outen	5
ı	504	181	523110	SOURE CORRE 11 (B.D.F.G) G Harwood 4-9-11	9
ı	505	{76}	110300	WALK THE BEAT 16 (C.D.F.S) (Country Life) M Meade 6-9-8. D Sweeney (7)	S
ı	506	(4)	313160	PRIDE OF HAYLING 11 (C.D.F) (B Broardiolog P Hedger 5-9-7 S December	9
ı	507	Ci 9i	202224	SCISSOR PROSE 11 (C.S) (D South) J Bridger 4-9-3 R Maden (7)	5
1	508	œ	0-00540	JUST LADY 16 (D.F) (Mrs W Teverstern) W G M Turser 3-9-1 A Daily (5)	8
İ	509	(10)	000216	LA BELLE DOMENOUE 14 (D.F) (R Wisters) S Knight 4-9-1 V Statlery	\$
Ì	510	(15)		RUMS IN THE FAMILY 25 (BF,S) (6 Greenwood) & NacCount 4-8-10 Part Eddary	9
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ì	512	(5)	906850	RED TIME 20 (R Penny) M Sounders 3-8-10,	\$
Į	513	(1)	063663	JOHN OTOREANS 16 (D.F.G.S) (P Brozer) Mrs A King 11-8-6 M Roberts	E
ĺ	514	(14)	5-00102	ASHKERNAZY 13 (D,F) (Londoc Bridge) N Berry 5-8-5 R Perham	E
ı	515	(13)	553680	SCORED AGAIN 19 (D.F.G.S)(M Heaton-Ellis) M Heaton-Ellis 5-8-3 A Clark	9
Į	516	(16)	00-0540	TACHYCARONA 20 (D.F.S) (C Lave) R D'Suffran 4-8-1 S Sanders	9
ł	517	(71)	204000	DEARDAW 9 (G Hopius) Miss L Stocke 4-7-10 F Norton	9
ł	518	(7)		INTO DEBT 28 (Mrs. J Druce) J Position 3-7-10 Decisio O'Shea	8
ı	519	(iDi)		DOUBLE OR BUST 55 (Duckhaven Stort) A Newcombe 3-7-10 N Carlisle	8
١	520	(3)	6-0000	KEALBRA LADY 21 (B Procect) M Sounders 3-7-10 P Doe (7)	

1895: RHYTHMOC DANCER 7-9-3 S Drowne (11-1) A Stateter 25 rm

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#### 5.00 Tetley foodservice claiming Handicap

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607	(8)		ROI: DE LA MER 7 (D,F) (Foundation D'ments) J Allahurst 5-16-0 R Hughes
602	(10)		ZAMALEK 15 (F) (D Humphreys) 61. Moore 4-9-11
603	m	024055	PREMIER LEAGUE 18 (D.G.S) (Hatanda Patners) J Long 6-9-11 R Price
604	(15)		KONG PARROT 62 (O.F.S) Lord Hertingdon B-9-10 Almes Cook (5)
605	(5)	34300	OPEN AFFAIR 20 (Nats A James) A James 3-9-8 Pat Editory
606	(4)		MR ROUGH 12 (8,CD,F) (R Aketursi) D Monts 5-9-8 6 Fauliner (5)
607	(21)	500100	SOAKONG 13 (F,S) (P Saunders) P Burgoyne 6-9-7 D R McCabe
608	(19)	010126	CHARLTON MAP 20 (D.F.G) (R Hodges) R Hodges 3-9-7 S Drowns
609	(3)	002040	OFFICE HOURS 6 (R Cycer) C Cycer 4-9-7
610	(2)		PROUD BRIGADIER 44 (D.F.B.S) (S Edwards) P Burgoyne 6-9-6 A Worden (3)
611	侚	6000015	CAPTAIR'S DAY 13 (F.G) (1 Deskin) T Mats 4-9-5
612	(50)	064-000	MANUSCLLE BETREERING TO (Trace Mile Partners) P Habitan 3-9-5 A CALIK
613	(II)	200013	OLIEEN OF SHARMON 34 (V.D.F.G.S) A Caroli 8-9-5 R Studiotine (7)
614	(9)	254524	JAA2NA 20 (BF,6) (D Knight) M Madganck 5-9-4 J Resi
615	(18)	460000	CATS BUTTOM 6 (P) (A Newcombe) A Newcombe 4-9-4 D Galifets (5)
616	(12)		OUR SHADEE 6 (V,F,S)(K leav) K leavy 6-9-4
617	(22)	425430	ROCKY WATERS 12 (V.C.F.G) (P Cromisk) P Burgoyne 7-9-4
518	(10)		BARON HRABOVSKY 39 (Black Run Razing) P Cole 3-9-3 7 Onite
519	(1.3)	445538	VELVET JONES 21 (Alg. J Charles-Jones) & Charles-Jones 3-9-3. S Whitevorth
630	άń	040400	CRESTED KNOEHT 18 (Mrs. B Service) C Horgan 4-9-2
621	(1)	50-3800	REAL GEM 34 pars P Melon P Makin 3-9-2
622		013303	SPORTING RISK 16 (F) (Mrs P Hams) P Hams 4-9-2 A McGlone
<b>DETTI</b>	MC 5	1 Kino Para	st, 8-1. bazina, 10-1 Rei de La Mer, 12-1 Open Alfair, Charlton Imp. 14-1 Proud Bingadi
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		100	5: SWENSING SIXTIES 4-9-8 S Whiteoch (20-1) 6 L Moore 22 RM

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#### 5.30 MERBURY CATERING CONSULTANTS HANDICAP (3-Y-0: £4,628: 1m 4f) (10 runners)

1	(3)	03619	FASIL 40 (C.F.) (Harndari Al Maldourn) C Boustond 9-7	96	
ż	(4)	8050DT	FAR DAWN 16 (F) (P Wienard) 6 Harwood 9-2, A CRIN	83	
2	(9)	318523	MAJOR DUNDEE 33 (F) (J Lask) & Hazmon 9-1 J Heat	33	
ī	izi	5-22100	MATTRAED 18 (P) (Mrs M Kench) A Janks 8-13	93	
5	iΛ	0.2005	KOTTY KOTTY CANCAN 37 (G Hamidae) Lady Herran 8-11 P Don (7)	95	
- 6	765	3-4321	TRANS 23 85 Date J Stellandi A Stenari 8-8	90	
ž	нΜ	656717	CUAL ATTECHES 10 MS of Palmers & Lifetiman 8-8	123	
ä	(6)	611030	SNOW FALCON 18 (D.F.) Mrs & Romand-Clark) Al Bell 8-3	92	
ě	113	413504	OUNET ARCH 26 (6) (R Cross) G Cross 8-1,	36	
10	Ċ	500632	DHULBONEL 38 (F.G.) (6 King) D Meric 7-11	80	
BETTING: 4-1 Deine, 5-1 Far Down, 6-1 Major Dender, Statatesto, Kely Kiby Cancao, 8-1 Stew Falcon, 10-1 Materimeon, 12-1 others					
			1995: MEGHEDOOT 8-12 M Firmmer (9-2) H Collingridge 9 ran		
			FORM FOCUS		

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#### 3.50 BOOKER CASH & CARRY HANDICAP

963: 1r	n 71 195yd) (15)	
14) 0-60	TRANSLOT 21 (D.F.6.S) J Pitzgerald 9-10-0 K Fallon	90
15) 0504	NOUFARE 30 (G) R Hollinshead 5-9-13 F Lynch (3)	97
13) 8003	NOUFARE 30 (G) R Hollinshead 5-9-13 F Lynch (3) BOB'S PLDY 25 (F) M Tompkos 4-9-12. M Henry (3)	97 97
10) 1103	THE SWAN 26 (D.F.S) J Deptop 3-9-6 T Sprake	97
	LOVE THE BLUES 166 D Micholson 4-9-3 K Darley	85 97
	BOWCLETTE COURT 29 (5) B Hats 4-9-0 M Hats	
(6) 1250	RASAYB. 20 (C.F.G) P Frans 6-9-0	96
(1) 2253	BEALMONT 21 (F,G,S) J Banks 6-8-11 J Quino	37
(4) 1121	172A 26 (CD,F,S) W Storty 5-8-9	9
®n 20-0	ARGYLE CAVALIER 61 (D.F.G.S) B Meetum 6-8-8	

			292: 71 122yd) (4)	
2 3 4	(2)	13 31	ENTREPREMEUR 35 (D.6) M Strote 9-0. W R Swinburn IGHARR 22 (F) H Thouson Joses 9-0	
4-9	Entere	reneur	. 4-1 Khenr. 6-1 Rages, 10-1 Managa.	

		16yd) (13)
1 2	(9) 0050	PRIDE OF BROCTON 25 (CD.G) & Levis 3-10-0. W Riyan GLOPROUS ARAGON 25 (D.BF,G) R J-Houghton 4-9-12
3 4 5	(5) 0000	A Coltana TUSCAN DAWN 14 (D.F.G.S) J Berry 8-9-7 P Roberts (5) GD NEVER GOLF 11 (C.D.F.S) T Naughton 4-9-5 J Western
2 6 7	(13) 2430	CROFTERS CELLOH 5 (B.D.F.) 8 McMahon 4-9-5 J Fontune THE HAPPY FOX 18 (D.F.G.) 8 McMahon 4-9-5 G Carter
7	(11) 3201	FRENDLY BRAVE 48 (D.F.G.S) Miss G Kelleway 6-9-4 W R Swindows

### 3.20 TATTERSALLS AUCTION NURSERY

U	NDICAP	(2-Y-0: £5,865: 71 2yd) (12)	
	(2) 3311	SRANDON JACK 12 (D.G.S)   Balding 9-7 R Cochrane	92
•	(10) 1406	NOMORE MR NICEGUY 40 (6) E Alsian 9-5 K Fallan	87
	(1) 2321	PERICLES 18 (6) M Johnston 9-3 J Westver	88
	idi 3304	GRATE TIMES 20 (D.S) E Wentles 8-13 K Darley	94
	isi 3041	COMMANDER JONES 19 (6) 8 Meetran 8-12 M Tebbut	95
	mi 054	SAFFRON ROSE 13 M Blanshard 8-11 J Chainn	85
		RIVER OF FORTUNE 7 (BF) M Tompions 8-11 M Henry (3)	95
	190 448	HEATHYARDS PEARL 40 R Hollinshead 8-11 F Lynch (3)	84
	i7i 5011	SHALL WE GO 30 (D.F.E) R Hannon 8-7 Dane O'Nett	95
0	<i>is</i> i 630	AL AVA CONSONANT 35 J Beinel 8-5 P Fessey (5)	80
ĭ	in 1062	AYBECOPL 9 (C.BF.F) Mrs. J Cock 8-3 Martin Dwyer (5)	8
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	23	3311	SRAMOON JACK 12 (D.G.S)   Balding 9-7 R Cochrane	8
	(10)	1406	NOMORE NR NICEGUY 40 (G) E Alsian 9-5 K Fallan	8
	(11)	2321	PERICLES 18 (6) M Johnston 9-3 J Warner	8
			GRATE TIMES 20 (D.S) E Weyones 8-13 K Darley	9
	Š	3041	COMMANDER JONES 19 (G) B Meetran 8-12 M Tebbutz	95
			SAFTRON ROSE 13 M Blanshard 8-11 J Oping	85
			RIVER OF FORTUNE 7 (SF) M Tompions 8-11 M Henry (3)	ĝ
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Passi D'Orlando, trained by John Dunlop, won the Premio Serio (1m) at San Siro, Milan, yesterday. Ridden by Giovanni Forte, Passi D'Orlando made all the running to beat Mr

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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Geen, 20-1), 4 Kewasinge (Mt C Hitls, 14-1)
ALSO RAN 4 Mazella, 13-2 Bold Top (5th), 12
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Time, Red Tie Altair (8th), 33 Hunza Story,
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33-11; 3, Ivony's Grab Hire (Martin Dwyer,
14-1) ALSO RAN, 13-22 tav Gymorak Gem, 7
Speedy Classic (4th), 9 Merrie Le Bow, Night
Harmony, 10 Nettle North, Plum Frist,
Superbid, 12 Flashy's Son, 16 Mansab (5th),
Petraco, Waders Dream, 20 Reem Fever,
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Hope, 33 Hickleton Mass, Maxiam Zando,
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£4, M Bell at Newmarket, Tote: £7-50;
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3,05 (6f 15yd) 1, MUCH COMMENDED (M at Goodwood today), CSF: 222 98
3.05 (81 15yd) 1, MUCH COMMENDED (M. Hits, B-0); 2, Dragonada (W. Ryzan, 10-11 tov); 3, Made Bosgonada (W. Ryzan, 10-11 tov); 3, Made Bosgonada (W. Ryzan, 14-11), ALSO RAN; 4 Nopales (4th), 10 Alvide (6th), 20 Missiontura. 25 Tycoon Gair (5th), 50 Dayretta, Well Done 9 an 34, 124, 31, 144, 3h hd. G Whagg at Newmarket. Tote 53:00; CSF: 55:27

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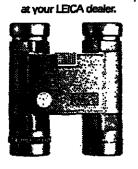
4.35 (im 54)cl) 1, DAWAWIN (M Hills, 11-2);
2, Kurman (W R, Swirtburn, 12-1); 3, Lost Lagoon (W Ryan, 4-6 lav) ALSO RAN: 4 Pagal Splandour, 9 Family Man (4th), 18 Nitimation, 25 Suful (6th), Tima-Lima, 33 Fresh Fruit Daly, 50 Hollowey Melody (5th), Saxon Bay, 100 Euphone Buston, La Thulle, Romentic Warmor, Western Courny 15 ron., NR: It's Dawan. 134, 11, 141, 34, nh. E Duntop at Newmarker. Tote: C7 10; C3.60, C2.90, E7.20, DF: C2.00 of Time: E74.50 CSF: C72.00.

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(M Roberts, 7-2); 2, Chairmana Daughter (G
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65 70. DF: £15.50 Tro: £218.50 CSF
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FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE

TRAVELLING hopefully, 3-2 down after their disappointing Uefa Cup first leg defeat by Borussia Mönchengladbach.

Arsenal arrived here in exu-

berant mood, despite flight

delays, with two managers.

One, who will bow out after

this game, is Pat Rice, who

will be keeping the bench warm for the other. Arsène

Arsenal must do without

Lee Dixon, their right back,

who strained a hamstring on

Saturday against Middles-

brough. Martin Keown, most

probably, will switch from the

centre to right back if, as

seems likely. Tony Adams plays. Severely missed in the

first leg. Adams went on for an

hour at Middlesbrough after

playing in just one reserve

Rice was most enthusiastic.

Tony will give his knowledge

of Euro 96," he said. "He will

give even more impetus to the

rest of the side with his

leadership qualities. If Tony

says to me he's OK, we'll play

the same team that played at

Adams, inevitably, does not look fully fit, but he will

probably start the game. He

seemed to have put his alcohol

problems behind him. He

follows the fashion of some

American boxers in speaking

of himself in the third person.

"It's important what Tony Adams thinks," he said, "and

not what other people think. I feel good, I feel really good,

and ready to get on with my

That will be to stop Stefan

Effenberg from running riot up front, as he did at

Highbury, while Pettersson.

the Swedish striker, is a new

threat. The tall Patrick Vieira,

the France Under-21 interna-

tional, did not play in the first

leg and could make a differ-

ence in midfield. "This isn't a

mission impossible," he said.

Middlesbrough."

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to face Pant

Wenger, fresh from Japan.

**FOOTBALL** 

## Rapid progress is key to United's European aims

IF MANCHESTER United are to go any way towards resurrecting the reputation English football in the European Cup Champions' League this season, they simply must beat Rapid Vienna at Old Trafford tonight.

Talk of United never having lost in 55 games covering 40 years of European competition at their own ground must be tempered by remembering that it was Peter Schmeichel. their goalkeeper, whose lastminute goal against Rotor Volgograd preserved that record in the Uefa Cup last

Playing the new managers' game of bluff and double bluff, Alex Ferguson, the Uni-ted manager, revealed noth-ing about his intended line-up. "I will be picking a team to impose our skills on Vienna," he said, but added enigmatically that he would be "looking at areas where we can hurt them, rather than picking our

So, the infernal guessing game. United have imponderables in all departments. Ferguson sent Gary Pallister home early from training yesterday, but implied that, unless there is a reaction to the left knee that the defender

wrenched at Aston Villa on Saturday, his experience will

Assuming the manager is as good as his word, he will pair Pallister at the heart of defence with Ronny Johnsen, the Norwegian who is gaining preference over David May. "Both Johnsen and Pallister are quick and comfortable on the ball," Ferguson said last weekend.

Then we come to midfield. Roy Keane has played just once since his knee operation. but the Irishman puts the fire into United and, when reasonably controlled, it is a charge that gives United much of what they so feebly lacked in competitive terms against Juventus in Turin a fortnight ago. Whether Nicky Butt plays alongside Keane, or whether the more thoughtful precision of David Beckham is chosen, we must await to see.

One cannot believe that Ferguson will trust the flanks, as in Turin, to Karel Poborsky and Jordi Cruyff, for they looked out of their depth on that occasion. Ferguson, for his part, insists there was no tactical error against Juventus, only "one or two who got stage fright". Ferguson himself spoke of

### Sullivan supports FA over crowd trouble

DAVID SULLIVAN, the Birmingham City owner, has offered the Football Association his support should it decide to ban supporters of the club from away games after violent scenes at the end of the Nationwide League first division match with Manchester City at Maine Road on Saturday.

The trouble broke out at the end where Birmingham supporters were congregated after Georgi Kinkladze secured victory for Manchester City with a penalty two minutes from time.

thrown at police and stewards, leading to three arrests. "I know exactly how the fans playing this season.

felt; I felt the same," Sullivan said. "I am sure that they were baited by the Manchester City fans, but 50 or 100 of them let the club down. They have got to think about the consequences of their actions. There are no excuses for ripping out seats and getting

involved in fights." Birmingham already have the threat of action hanging over them after incidents at St Andrew's last season during games against Leeds United and Millwall.

Mark Bosnich, the Aston Villa goalkeeper, has been told that he will not need surgery on the knee injury that has prevented him from

fright at the Cliff, United's training ground, yesterday. "The record [55 games] can be intimidating for opponents," he said. "But it can also be a little bit intimidating for myself. I don't want to be the manager who loses for the If he is not to be that.

presuming that Ryan Giggs will fly on the wing and, inevitably, that Eric Cantona will be the catalyst between midfield and attack, who will lead the line?

On Saturday, United appeared to have two halves of the centre-forward needed to take on Europe. In the first half the Norwegian Ole Gunnar Solskjar showed adroit leadership and positional sense, and drew United's midfield players around him with his fine passing. When he left and Andy Cole came on as a substitute, we had one sudden, darting flicker of Cole's instinct to strike. His header, seen as an opportunity by Cole alone, rebounded off the crossbar. Is this enough to re-assert the former Newcastle United goalscorer over Solskjar, whose team work is markedly

superior? The opposition will be obdurate in the extreme. Rapid Vienna came through August in barren form in the Austrian League, yet, wearing their European cloak, the same team joyously eliminated Dynamo Kiev 6-2 in the qualifying round for the Champions'

A curious team, Rapid, who reached the final of last season's Cup Winners' Cup thanks to the goals of Carsten Jancker and Christophe Stumpf. Jancker has since defected back to his German homeland, Stumpf remains and headed Rapid's equalising goal when they struggled against Fenerbahçe

two weeks ago. Ernst Dogokupil, their manager, sees nothing to fear in United's home record, "We know they are unbeaten for 55 matches," he said. "But that of playing there . . . all things come to an end, I wish I could say it will be this night."



Gascoigne proved his return to full fitness by scoring two goals in the final 25 minutes against Kilmarnock

## Rangers plan all pace attack

RANGERS will require all the speed they possess not only to outstrip Auxerre in the European Cup Champions' League at Ibrox this evening, but also to catch a tournament that threatens to move off without them. In Zurich a fortnight ago, Rangers lost 3-0 to Grass-hopper-Club in the opening game in group A and last season they never recovered from a similarly spluttering

In domestic competition, an allusion to pace is generally a euphemism for violence. Managers will often speak of maintaining a high tempo when they really envisage only a barrage of rashly-directed tackles. The physicality of British football, however, can also be honourable.

Rangers proved it, after falling behind at Ibrox, by sweeping aside Alania Vladikavkaz, the Russian champions, with a torrent of direct attacking in the preliminary round. Now Paul Gas-Zurich, is in better condition and capable of shaping the

White's move 15, Nxd5 specu-

lated on the response 15, ...

Bxd5; 16, Qxg4. However,

Black's clever reply foiled this

plot. In the final position,

where White resigned, 16, Bxd5 Bxd5+ leads to carnage.

White: Kasparov (Russia)

Black: Hracek (Czech Rep) Erevan Olympiad

Sicilian Defence

September 1996

e4 Nt3

Nxd4 Nc3

Bg5 Qc2

**Kevin McCarra** stresses the need for a

Rangers victory over Auxerre tonight

side's energy. "We went into shock against Grasshopper." Gascoigne said. "You might normally have

one or two players out of form, but in that game there were about nine of us like that. We were ready for the game, but we just didn't play and we got stuffed. Now we hope to go out and do better."

On Saturday Gascoigne scored twice against Kilmarnock in the last 25 minutes and, while those opponents are not to be confused with Auxerre, his capacity to make a great contribution so late in a game was encouraging. As so often, his form, and that of Brian Laudrup, will provide the best index to Rangers'

prospects. On their own ground, however, the team also needs to see effective displays from less fitness was so evident in rich, the defence, in which so much trust has been placed, failed in elementary duties

applies to Graeme Souness all

the same - he's a winner. As a

player and manager, he has

won trophies by the dozen and

has one of the game's great

curricula vitae. Which is prob-

ably what attracted the inter-

est of Southampton when they set about replacing Dave

Merrington as their manager

in the summer. Right now,

though, Souness may be won-dering what attracted him to

Second from bottom of the

FA Carling Premiership with

a record of played seven, lost

five, drawn two, won none,

Southampton seem about as

such as marking at free kicks. Indeed, all of Grasshopper's goals were scored from set-

The suspension of Gordan Petric forces Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, to switch to a back four and Craig Moore, a right back, will come into the revised line-up. Even with Stuart McCall doubtful, Rangers are still less handicapped than their rivals.

Auxerre will be without two centre halves, Franck Silvestre, the captain, and Ned Zelic, the former Queens Park Rangers player, who are injured. "They have a comparatively new defence." Smith said "and we must try to exploit it."

Auxerre deserve all the eulogies they receive. The club's rise, over the 36 years of Guy Roux's management, from re-gional football before crowds of 300 to European occasions in front of 20,000 people in the Abbė Deschamps stadium.

Souness faces new problem

far away from the likes of

ous clubs to employ Souness's

talents in the manager's office,

as it is possible to be. Only

Blackburn Rovers are keeping

Southampton from the igno-

miny of propping up the entire

strange feeling. "I've never been there before," he said.

"It's certainly an experience for me and it's not one that I

particularly enjoy, but there is

no other way to handle it than

to work very hard. We will be

asking a lot of questions about

our players in the coming weeks."

Souness admits that it is a

Rangers and Liverpool, previ-

theless, success does not leave clubs such as Auxerre unscathed.

Their triumph in winning the league and cup in France acted as a cue for other clubs to plunder Roux's team. Laurent Blanc, Corentin Martins and Christophe Cocard all left this summer. Auxerre are accustomed to such depletions, but time is still required before they can be made good.

Observers in France feel that Sabri Lamouchi, the midfield player, is now proving less influential in a weakened side. Having been beaten at home by Ajax in their ownopening match. Auxerre require victory at Ibrox almost as much as do Rangers, but their engagements with football in this country have

usually ended badly.
Since 1991, they have been knocked out of Europe by Liverpool, Arsenal and, last season. Nottingham Forest. English clubs have left Ibrox audience is eager to see that malaise spread north of

Defeat by Wimbledon at

Selhurst Park on Monday

night - Efan Ekoku scoring

twice in a 3-1 loss at Selhurst

Park, Marcus Gayle getting

the other with a lone reply

from Matt Oakley - only

emphasised Southampton's

olight, although Souness, pre-

plight, authough souness, pre-dictably perhaps, was unhap-py that two Wimbledon goals

"For the first goal, the linesman saw a push on our

goalkeeper, but he was over-

ruled," he said. "Just before

their second goal, the lines-

man flagged for a throw-in in

our favour and the referee

overruled him again."

were allowed to stand.

#### We can win 2-0. We are a tremendously attacking team. we have players who can score against anybody, but we must score as soon as possible."

One difficulty, as David Platt was among those to emphasise, is to know just how Borussia will appro the game. They are unpredict-

able to say the least; beaten 4-0 in Cologne in the Bundesliga two weeks ago, but 5-1 winners at home last Saturday against Borussia Dortmund, the somewhat champions. You can say they've got a

problem as to how they approach the game," Platt said. "Do they come out and attack, or do they defend the advantage they've got? We've got to make sure we don't concede. because conceding is fatal. We've got to get the two goals. We're quite capable of doing it, we're confident we can do it, but we're conscious of being the underdog and we'd much rather be in Borussia Mönchengladbach's shoes."

BORUSSIA MÖNCHENGLADBACH: U Kamps, H Fourrier, P Andersson, J Neun; S Passipck, I Lupescu, M Schrieder, J Pettersson, P Melserr, A Jusicamah. S Effenberg ARSENAL: D Seaman, M Keown, S Bould, A Adama, A Linghan, N Winestom, P Merson, P Vieta, D Platt, I Winght, J Hartson

### **TENNIS**

### **Counties clear way for** new governing body

By Simon Wilde

CRICKET

DESPITE fears of last-minute revolts, the 20 members of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) voted unanimously in favour of ending its

28-year existence yesterday and establishing the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) on January I. The ECB will control the game at all

The special meeting, at Lord's, lasted just 90 minutes and was described by one delegate as all very amicable", but that might not have been the case had not the concerns of several of the counties who own Test match grounds, led by Warwick-shire, been speedily allayed.

They were anxious about the constitution of the First-Class Forum (FCF) within the ECB, which will represent the views of the 18 first-class Laurin, will decide on the ECB's general direction and policy, though decisions concerning the scheduling and regulations of county and international matches, and the allocation of Test matches and financial resources, will require the approval of the FCF. It is the FCF's scope for handling these decisions that

concerns some counties.

Morgan, whose working party was created in Decem-ber 1995, hailed the decision yesterday as "an historic and major step forward in uniting the whole game of cricket in this country". The resolution will be passed to the National Cricket Association (NCA), which is responsible for the recreational sphere, for approval on October 16.

The TCCB and NCA have

### LTA overlooks Lloyd as chief executive

BY ALIX RAMSAY

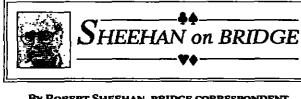
DAVID LLOYD has resigned from the International and Professional Tennis Board at the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) after being overlooked in the search for the LTA's next chief executive. It means that Lloyd, the Great Britain Davis Cup captain, will no longer be able to vote on policy issues relating to national training, coaching events and tournaments.

I just think it is hypocrytical to sit on the board with the new chief executive coming in," he said. I don't think anyone could have the same credentials for that job as me and they turned me down. In my current role, I have no influence in the game and no power and it's hard to give advice and opinions and

impossible," he said. "I'm already employed by the LTA. all they had to do was pick up a phone and say: Look David, we're not giving you the job because we think you would rock too many boats', but I just got a call from the head-hunter. If I drop someone from the Davis Cup team, I don't get my brother to tell

Lloyd will still report to the international board about the Davis Cup, but he is devoting all his energies to the business of getting Britain back into the world group of the competi-tion. At the moment, he is employed only for the dura-tion of the cup-ties, but next year he is aiming to travel to more tournaments to assess

the opposition and the form of have them turned down or potential British team membeen constituent parts - along with MCC - of the Cricket ignored — I get really cheesed off with that." bers. He is hoping that the counties. Warwickshire won LTA announces the name of an amendment stating that Council, the game's national Lloyd is not angry at being turned down for the top job, but he is still smarting from the new chief executive sooner governing body, since 1968. Like the TCCB, the NCA and approval of the constitution rather than later, allowing him to draw a veil over the must be by a two-thirds majority of the counties. The FCF constitution is being formulatthe Council will also disapthe way in which it was politicking of recent months. handled. He was called for a "It has made all of us even ed by the working party, chaired by David Morgan, that produced the blueprint for the ECB. It should be Without a published natfirst interview by an indepenmore determined to go out and win," he said. There are no hard feelings. I think in the long run the loser is the game ional development plan, crick-et had difficulties gaining the dent agency and then told that he would not be asked back. financial support of the Sports He never got as far as presentready by December. Council and the National Loting his case to the LTA and of tennis and I love tennis. I A 15-man management tery. Such a plan is now in dealt with the agency. never intended to do anyone. board, chaired by Lord Mac-"Anywhere else, it would be



By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent The diamond suit on this hand looks mundane, but the declarer

should have made better use of it.

Dealer West Game all **♦K93 VAK10954** LOY +Q1065 **♣** K 10 9 3 ♣J7642 **♦KQ10873** +A872 **♦A**5

The defence started with two rounds of hearts. South ruffing the second. He played a trump; West won and continued with a third heart. Declarer ruffed again, drew the outstanding trump and played ace, king and another diamond. He was hoping that diamonds were either 3-3 or that a defender had two hon-ours doubleton. When this did not turn out to be the case.

declarer went one down, Could he have done better? When declarer ruffed dum-my's third heart, he should have continued with a spade to the jack, drawing East's outstanding trump. Then he ruffs dummy's last heart. He continues with a diamond to dummy's king and then plays the nine of diamonds, running it if East plays low. In this way, he will still make his contract if diamonds break 3-3 or if one defender has two

honours doubleton, but he is also home on the given layout. If East plays an honour on the second diamond, declarer rises with the ace, dropping West's jack, and plays a third diamond, setting up his eight for a club discard. On the other hand, if East plays low on the second diamond, declarer ducks this to West who has to play a club or give a ruff and discard, either of which gives declarer his contract.

On this bidding, West was more likely than East to be short in diamonds. Even without that information, it is better to duck the diamond to West - if he then plays a club. declarer can try the queen with the diamond break in reserve. That would not apply if East played the club. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on

bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

**APOTACTITE** a. An apothecary-in-training b. An ancient Luddite

BARRATRY a. Fraud at sea

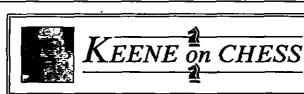
c. A geology term

b. Barricade rubble French courtship

**SQUALENE** a. Shark liver oil b. A note of whale-music c. A Dublin brothel

SHRIMPY a. Pigmy-featured b. A winter coat

c. Shrimp-filled



By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Russia leads Russia is pulling away from the field in the chess Olympiad in Erevan, Armenia. After seven rounds, Russia has 21 points out of 28, with Spain second on 192 and China sharing third on 18. The England team suffered a severe setback in the seventh round, losing 3-1 to Spain.

White: Lima (Brazil) Black: Shulman (Belorussia) Erevan Olympiad September 1996

Benko's Opening 5 Nf3 12 Bx14 Bc54

15 Nxd5

White resigns Diagram of final position 数 養守数 

Nt6 Nc6 e6 a6 Nxxx4 Be7 b5 0-0-0 Oxd4 12 e5 13 Kb1 14 Ne2 15 Ng3 16 Nh5 19 NI6-

20 exi6 21 Bg2 22 Bxd5 23 Rhe1 24 fxe6 25 Qa7

**BCF** news

At a meeting of the British Chess Federation over the weekend, the interesting decision was taken to elect Steve Davis, the snooker player, as president of the Federation. Davis is an enthusiastic chess player and has co-authored one book on the game.

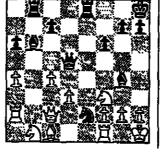
☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

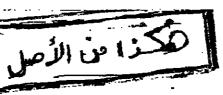
WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

Black to play. This position is from the game Horwitz -Staunton, London, 1851. Black's queen is under attack. What is the best square?

Solution on page 46





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RUGBY UNION: LLANELLI CENTRE EARNS CAPTAINCY AGAINST FRANCE AFTER HUMPHREYS WITHDRAWS

## Vales ask Davies to prompt revival

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

Jonathan Humphreys, their captain, for the international match against France at the National Stadium in Cardiff tonight does not presage a chapter of accidents in this most heetic of seasons. Humphreys withdrew yesterday with a damaged hamstring and Barry Williams, of Neath, will win his first cap at hooker as a result.

The captaincy will go to Nigel Davies, the experienced Llanelli centre, who was selected ahead of the two former captains already in the team, Ieuan Evans and Gareth Llewellyn. "Nigel is totally in tune with the type of game we are trying to play and he has enormous experience of international rugby: he has a hands-on style," Terry

#### **CARDIFF TEAMS**

WALES: W T Proctor (Llanett) 1 C Evans (Linett), L B Daves (Cardit), N G Daves (Llanett), captain), G Thomas (Endgerd), N R Jeniums (Pontyprodd), R Howley (Cardit) C D Loader (Swancea), B Williams (Neach), J D Davies (Health), K Jones (Ebbw Valer, G D Llewellyn (Hartequers), M J Voyle (Llanetti), M E Williams (Porryprodd), S M Williams (Noath)

(Nosth)
FRANCE: J-L Sadoumy (Colomiers).
E Ntamack (Toulouse). R Dourthe (Dai).
S Glas (Bourgoin). P Saint-André
(Montierrand, capitan). A Penaud (Brive).
P Carbonneau (Brive). C Califano (Toulouse).
M de Rougemont (Toulon). F Tournaire
(Narbonne). P Benetton (Agen). O Merle
(Montierrand). F Pelous (Cax). R Castel
(Bézers). A Benazzi (Agen).
Referee: G Gadjovich (Canada)

Cobner, the Welsh Rugby Union's director of rugby, said.

Even so, it is an interesting choice. No Welshman has led his country more frequently than Evans, the Lianelli wing who did so on 28 occasions between 1991-95, and, at 32, he is only a year older than Davies. Llewellyn has captained Wales seven times and it is worth speculating whether his employment with an English club, Harlequins, has counted against

Be that as it may, there is a direct link between this match - discounting the contrivance of an "international" against the Barbarians last month - and the last international success enjoyed by

WALES will hope that the loss of Wales, which came against France at the end of the five nations championship last season. Victory by 16-15 presented England with

the championship.
Since then, France have toured Argentina successfully and Wales, somewhat less triumphantly, have visited Australia. Williams, 22, played understudy to Humphreys on that tour, having been called in as a replacement when Garin Jenkins suffered a neck injury, but the Australian experience proved a mixed blessing after defeats in Brisbane (50-25) and Sydney

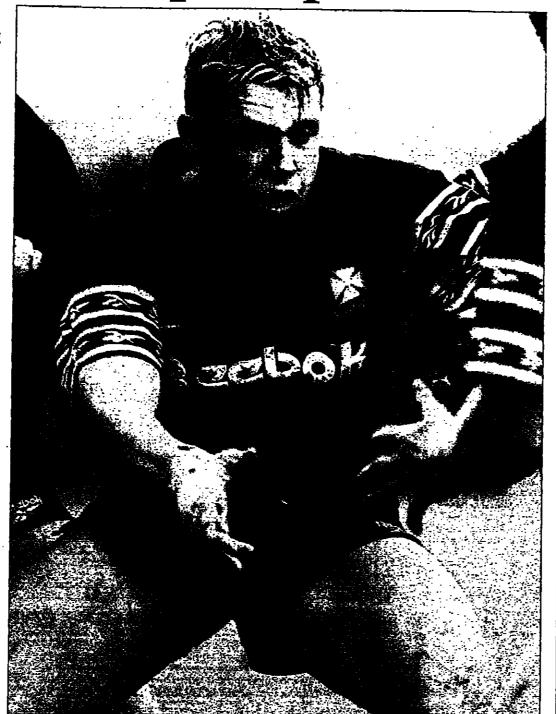
(42-3).
"We recognised during the summer that we would have to increase the number of preparatory games we play." Cobner said. Hence a schedule that now embraces Italy, Australia and South Africa before

The players realised in Australia they were making strides, but they also realised that there is a fair way to go," he said. "The Barbarians game was a good exercise - 1 think - but France at home. especially since we beat them here last time we played, will be a very difficult test. We know how they play, but this is about how we play. and we are certainly looking for

So is the Welsh public after the indifferent quality of the 31-10 victory against the Barbarians. The stadium is likely to be only half full. The Welsh cause has not been

helped by the withdrawals of Humphreys, who had hoped to recover from an injury sustained in training on Monday night, and Hemi Taylor, the Cardiff flanker. whose absence gives Kingsley Jones his second cap. That France are taking the match seriously can be gauged by the quality of their team, whose members have been angered by their federation's decision not to award caps, as it did in 1991 before relenting. France's most obvious absentees.

both injured, are Thomas Castaignede, one of the revelations of last season, and Olivier Roumat, whose places at centre and lock, respectively, go to Stephane Glas



Williams, the Neath hooker, will win his first cap tonight after injuries forced Wales to make changes

SNOOKER: WELSHMAN PRODUCES STRONG FINISH TO REACH QUARTER-FINALS OF SCOTTISH MASTERS

### Wild-card Williams breaks brittle Bond's resolve

MARK WILLIAMS, who regularly defies conventional wisdom when it comes to shot selection, justified his inclusion in the Regal Scottish Masters by reaching the quarterfinals of the £175,000 event in Motherwell yesterday.

Williams, from Wales, one of the most aggressive potters in the professional game, scored a 5-2 victory over Nigel Bond after a match in which neither apnament of the new season, largely as a result of winning the Regal Welsh Open in January, did little of note in the early stages with the exception of a 43 break in the

second frame.
Even so, Williams somehow held Bond to 2-2 and, in the second half, finished far stronger to secure a meeting with John Higgins, the No 2 seed, tomorrow evening. The

proached his best. Williams, pivotal frame was the fifth. Wil-awarded a wild-card invitation to liams led 40-l when he attempted potted the vital balls and that was compete in the first domestic tour-the difference," Bond said, accued with a run of 46 and was on the threshold of leading 3-2 when he missed a difficult brown to a balk

> Williams nervelessly potted it from distance, obtained ideal position on the blue and cleared up to snatch the frame on the black. He added a disjointed sixth, and completed victory with a 72 break. the highest of the contest, launched

rately summing up an encounter which did nothing to repair the damage to his confidence inflicted by a 5-1 defeat at the hands of Tony Drago in the last 16 of the Asian

Classic two weeks ago. If self-belief is an irritation for Bond, it has developed into a crippling problem for Jimmy White, who takes on Ken Doherty in the first round tonight in the

Indeed, there is precious little to suggest that White - now 23rd in the provisional world rankings will discover the lost spark of genius here. He has won only one match on his previous six visits to the event and, in Doherty, the Regal Masters champion in 1993 and 1994, he faces a settled and determined rival.

#### SIMON BARNES



Midweek View

THE LOVE-SONG OF D HILL (with acknowledgements to T. S. Eliot)

Let us go then, you and me When the sponsors are spread out after tea Like patients etherised upon their tables. Let us pass the place where Williams sits The restless afternions of murdering speed And wild ambition and impossible need. A race-track like tedious argument That leads to an overwhelming question.

In the press-room, journos come and go Talking of Clark and Fangio.

Oh. do not ask: "And you were first?" I have a deep and needful thirst.

And I shall wonder "Do I dare?" and "Do I dare?" Do I dare to overtake? Do I dare to drive My rival from the track and win,

Do I dare to live with the odium Of failing to stand once more upon the podium? I grow old, I grow old. I shall wear the bottoms of my fire-proof overalls rolled.

I have seen my driving reputation flicker. I have heard the eternal interviewer ask the obvious, and snicker. In short, I was afraid

Oh I have known them, known the joys Of pole positions, the days when boys Run wild with union flags, and all for me. I have known the game, have known it all. I know the driver's face before his fail. I have talked a thousand times of what a dream inspires. I have measured out my life with racing tyres.

And would it have been worth it after all, Among the spanners, and the cups of tea, To have the mechanic turn and say to me, It was your doing, Damon, all your own. Your driving set the universe on end. Instead I've driven, spun and crashed And seen again my dream, ancestral, dashed.

No, I am not Ayrton Senna, nor was meant to be, Am a useful driver, one that will do To set the pace, bring out a car's Potential, advise the pit-crew, Drive the perfect testing lap, Careful, politic, professional, Full of good quotes but a bit obtuse, At times, indeed, almost ridiculous. At times, indeed, almost Out of the game, A wanderer With quasi-palindromic name

Shall I grow a cad's moustache Like Dad's? Do I dare to win the final race? Do I dare to show my face? I have seen the pit-lane sirens Singing of their demon lovers, And though I know one final victory covers All eventualities I do not think that they will sing to me.

You! Hypocrite spectateur! Mon semblable! Mon frere!

#### **RUGBY LEAGUE**

### Joynt declares himself ready to face Papua New Guinea

CHRIS JOYNT, the St Helens forward, yesterday declared himselt fit for Great Britain's international match against Papua New Guinea in Lae on Saturday. Joynt was expected to miss the early games of the tour after having a minor knee operation at the end of the Super League season, but he has felt no after-effects from

sessions. Since Joynt will not play in the opening tour match. against a Papua New Guinea President's XIII in Mount Hagen today, he looks set to win his ninth cap on Saturday. "The knee is fine now and I am very pleased with the way it has recovered," Joynt said.

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Britain's strenuous training

By OUR SPORTS STAFF ward, who has been unable to train all week since suffering badly-blistered feet in a tough session in Singapore, hopes to begin training again tomorrow. Dwyer expects to be fit to play in the first game in Fiji. next week.

Brian McDermott, Dwyer's Bradford team-mate, and Terry O'Connor, of Wigan, both make their international debuts against the President's XIII, which is effectively the Papua New Guinea secondstring side.

The Great Britain management has been assured that there is no prospect of a repeat of the crowd violence at a domestic cup final in Lae last week, that forced the game to Bernard Dwyer, the be abandoned after 60 min-Bradford Bulls utility for utes, with three deaths resulting. The Papua New Guinea squad gathered yesterday in the forestry town of Bulolo, where Adrian Lam, the captain and outstanding half back, joined them from

Sydney.

Halifax Blue Sox are about to unveil plans to leave their Thrum Hall ground and move in with their neighbours, Halifax Town, of the Vauxhall Conference, at The Shay. The Blue Sox have called a press conference at the

Calderdale Sports Stadium

today. They are believed to be

ready to move after playing at Thrum Hall for more than a hundred vears. Theclubs have been involved in lengthy talks and they appear to have the backing of the local Calderdale Council, which owns The Shay. "The clubs have found a way forward and we have the

The Blue Sox were faced

Velez 2 Linon 0; River 3 Deportivo Español 1; Colon 0 Gimnesia Jujuy 0 SCHOOLS MATCHES: English Schools Full Film Trophy; First round: Bourne-mouth 0 Eastleoph and Winchestel Huddersfield 1 Wakefield 0; Hereford 1

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Indianapolis 10 Miamil 6

BASEBALL

OTHER RESULTS: Dinamo Toiss (Geo) 1
Torpede Moscow (Russ) 1 (0-0) (Dinamo
win 2-1 on agg), National Bucharest (Rom)
2-0 on agg), National Bucharest (Rom)
2-0 on agg), Rodo JC Korkvade (Hotil) 2
Schala O4 (Ger) 2 (Schalke win 5-2 on
agg); SC Kartsrule (Ger) 4 Rapid Bucharest
(Rom) (Kartsrule win 4-2 on agg); Stava
Prague (C2) 3 Mainh FF (Swe) 1 (Praguo
win 5-2 on agg); Casino Graz (Austrio) 2
Elesten (Ber) (G-3 on agg, Casino Graz win
on away gools); Trabzonspor (Tur) 3 BodoGinti (Nor) 1 (Trabzonspor win 5-2 on agg) MATIONAL LEAGUE: Cheago 4 Pittsburgh 3; St Louis 3 Cincinnal 2, Atlanta 3 Mont-real 4 AMERICAN LEAGUE: Milwaukee 8 Bai-timore 7 (10 minings); Cleveland 7 Minine-sote 6, Toronto 6 Detroit 4: Boston 4 New York 3 (11 innings), Calvornia 4 Seattle 3 Oakland 5 Texas 3.

EUROPEAN CUP: Group H: Vita Tolisi (Geo) 78 (Sanadze 27) London 87 (Lewic 29, Cunningham 19, Hooks 14) FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Wirnbledon 3 Southampton 1 UNIBOND LEAGUE: Premier division: Emiley 3 Gainsborough 3. First division: Ashton United 2 Great Harwood 1.

BOWLS ROYAL LEAMINGTON SPA: Travelsphere EWBA top club championship: Quarterfinals: Summerhal (Northumberland) bt West Comusell 3-1 (Summerhall names Inst. Singles: M Eagle bi N May 21-17 Palms: M Garbarn and K Druce bt J Smith and J Lews 22-17 Triples: E Davidson lost to J Beckerleg 21-8 Fours: J Little bt V Ireland 30-14; North Walsham had with Coydon 2-2 (North Walsham wan on shots countback plus 14 North Walsham names first] Singles: J Roylance bt J Deecon 21-5 Palms: M Emmorat and C Webb lost to D Stanton and M Kelly 21-19 Triples: C Neeve loct to P Dave: 17-9. Fours: M Hannant bi C Templeman 21-13; Milton Regis (Kert) bi Cambridge Chesterton 3-1 (Milton Regis names first). Singles: A Denns bi R Ring 21-18, Pains: S Paripan and Y Walfington bi M Christimas and J Turrbodge 31-11. Triples: N Wood lost to J Laner 17-16. Fours: P Nicholls bit P Wynn 27-17 Lincoln Park Ladies bed with Walts, Blake Bearre (Devon) 2-2 (Juncoln Park um on shots countback plus 15. Park Ladies names first). Singles: K Oraper lost to B Bellamy 21-19. Pains: J Morris and J Edson bt B Atlans and B Vincent 23-14. Triples: C Smith lost to V Gove 19-15. Fours: D Wells bt A Bunclark 24-12.

FOR THE RECORD

CRICKET

Sahara Cup India v Pakistan TORCNTO (Palustan won toss) Paikstan beat India by 52 runs PAKISTAN

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BOWLING, Wasm Avram 9-2-16-0; Waqar Younis B-0-27-0; Sagleth Mushleq 7-5-0-34-2. Aarm Sohall 10-1-27-1; Mushleq Ahmed 10-0-36-5 Salim Malik 2-0-11-0 Man of the match: Mushtaq Ahmed Man of the senes A Kumble.

RUGBY UNION

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expected to raise the money needed to bring The Shay up to the standards required. ☐ Barrie-Jon Mather has paid his own transfer fee to get out of a legal row with Wigan, his former club. Mather, 23, paid £50,000 to settle the dispute between himself and the directors at Central Park. Wigan had said that the three-year deal that he signed with Perth

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## United put premium on youth policy

Nicky Butt, Paul Scholes, David Beckham and the Neville brothers is but the current manifestation of a youth policy that has long had the full backing of everyone at Old Trafford. Indeed, without such backing, in particular from manager Alex Ferguson, many of the club's best prospects would never have found their way into a red shirt. It was one of the factors that persuaded chairman Martin Edwards to stick with Ferguson after disappointing performances from the first

Time and again, parents of boys who have signed for Manchester United testify to the degree of warmth, enthusiasm and passion conveyed by Ferguson in what sometimes amounts to a personal crusade to entice prospects to Old Trafford.

"Manchester United are a massive club, but in terms of warmth and depth they were magnificent." These were the words of one father, former Chelsea and Queens Park Rangers player Steve Wicks. whose son was swayed away from north London to join up with United.

There was a warmth and a passion about Alex Ferguson I never knew existed. He was the major reason we decided to sign for United. He talked passionately about his youngsters, how they were the club's lifeblood, how he hoped to bring more into the first team. He spent time with us, sold the club to us, had dinner with Matthew, showed him around the ground. He is a man I would totally trust with my son's future."

Old\_Trafford press officer Ken Ramsden confirms the club's enthusiasm: "Alex Ferguson is the manager who has come closest to ISir Mattl Busby in the way he has set up the youth coaching. The manager will travel the length and breadth of the country to talk to a kid and his parents, rather than send someone else. It is

important to him." Almost inevitably, the success reaped by such a passionate approach will attract criticism that maybe more than just promises are being offered. Until such time as a player actually signs a professional contract with his club. the two-year Youth Training age of nine.

and join whichever other club may eatch his fancy, providing no financial inducement is

This is why some clubs are keen to offer particularly attractive prospects a profes-sional contract only halfway through their apprenticeship. to secure their services in the face of potential competition from other clubs, and provide them with more than menial YT subsistence, a £20,000 salary at the age of 17 being gratefully received.

In January 1996, United were twice found guilty of "poaching", one of the cases



Extracted from Dream On: a year in the life of a Premier League club, by Alex Fynn and H Davidson, published by Simon & Schuster Ltd on October 7 at £14.99.

involving Matthew Wicks. Indeed, it was the cordial relations at board level that saw Arsenal satisfied with a guilty verdict from the Football Association and the boy returned. United got off lightly. They were not so lucky with Oldham, when they were fined £20,000 and ordered to pay compensation, which may well amount to more than £100,000, for "illegally" secur-ing the services of 17-year-old David Brown

The clubs know that tomorrow's generation of stars are already out there playing schools football, waiting to be discovered. More than ever the pressure is on for scouts to spot such prospects at an earlier age and begin the process whereby they feel an allegiance to one particular club, gradually being weaned away from the schools to the club's own centre of excellence

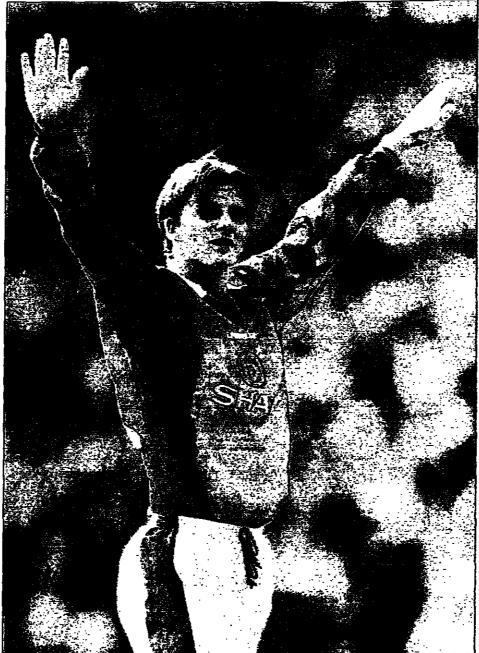
But although they can sign associate schoolboy forms at the age of 14, if the kid is any good, the English Schools Football Association will have first call on his services as it runs the first national side at under-15 level. The FA does not step in until the under-16 level, which has only recently been introduced.

The clubs are highly critical of the way in which talented young boys can be cajoled by the school system into playing too many matches. Clubs such as Tottenham try to use their centre of excellence to get the lad away from just playing competitive matches, concentrating instead on honing basic skills and techniques that may not be given time in the school environment.

But even when netted, it is not always the case that a club will know what it has under its nose. Ryan Giggs trained regularly at Manchester City's centre of excellence, and even after Alex Ferguson had been to the home of the 14-year-old prodigy to ask for his signature, City did not show sufficient interest, although Ryan's mother offered them first refusal out of loyalty. With the stakes so high and the clubs having access to kids

at such a young age, the FA and the Premier League must move quickly to draft precise and effective ground rules. With the spectre, since the Bosman ruling, of the advent of free transfers within England, the small clubs may no longer feel it worth pursuing any form of youth development unless there are stricter policing and harsher penalties. Nominal fines are no deterrent when one illegal approach can net a player potentially worth millions. The sale by Tottenham of 21-year-old Nicky Barmby for E5.25 million is a graphic example of the value of one astute signing at schoolboy

When Tottenham's youngsters lost the FA Youth Cup final in May 1995, it was perhaps instructive that their opponents were Manchester United. For those Tottenham directors who may have taken the trouble to attend both legs (a 2-i home win but a 0-1 and penalties defeat at Old Trafford), the ties will have exposed the chasm, not on the playing field, but in the atti-



Beckham celebrates an astonishing goal from the half-way line on the first day of the season, a feat confirming him as one of the most exciting of United's boy wonders

The first leg of the final took place on a warm May evening at White Hart Lane. While Ferguson set the tone for Manchester United by standing on the West Stand forecourt to meet and greet the parents he had invited down as his guests, fewer than 4,000 fans struggled to gain admittance to a game where the cost of employing extra turnstile operators had obviously been vetoed by the bean-

With scant advance publici-

ty and only the West Stand open, the undignified crush to gain admission was a prelude to an evening that showed the London club in a very shabby light indeed. The club shop was closed, missing a great opportunity to benefit from the high percentage of families in attendance. Pre-match and at half-time, crowds milled about the concourses desperately searching in vain for somewhere serving a snack or a

There were no stewards on own story.

FC Porto v IFK Gothenburg ...

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TODAY'S FATHES

view and no obvious sign of representatives from the club being on duty. There was no programme and the players had no names on their shirts, so nobody had a clue who they were watching.

God only knows what impression had been created on parents who were trying to weigh up the merits of their son joining either of the two clubs. The 20,190 attendance for the return lee at Old Trafford told in

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Premier christon: Surmingham v Stoke (7.15); Leeda v Blackburt (7.0); Tranmere v Everior (7.0); First christon: Aston Villa v Notits County (at Walsall FC, 7.0); Middlesbrough v Coverthy (7.0); Sunderland v Port Valle (7.0); Second division: Carrisle v Burnley (7.0); Marchester City v Barnsley (6.45); Wresham v Shrewsbury (7.0); York v Stockport (7.0); Coldsburg Countries LEAGUE: Premier division: Ash v Westfield.

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE.

RUGBY LEAGUE

RADIO CHOICE

### Powered by memories

"Ah yes, I remember it well!" So sang the nostalgic couple, memorably, in Gigi. The genuine pensioners in Cheryl Armitage's documentary do not remember it well without some skilful prompting. However, they respond so well to reminiscence therapy that they are able to put on a show based entirely on the unlocking, and exchanging, of old memories. As with the actors in a Mike Leight film, they start with improvisation and finish up with a script. The aim of the reminiscence sessions, organised by the charge. nim, they start with improvisation and timish up with a script. The aim of the reminiscence sessions, organised by the charity, Age Exchange, is to give the elderly a sense of the "wholeness" of life. Put simply, their todays are energised by their yesterdays. Their tomorrows should benefit, too. In any case, as one old dear says: "It's better than sitting in front of the telly."

Evening Concert. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

Birthday anniversaries, not always a valid reason for stringing together a selection of classical works, are nonetheless a good excuse for including celebrated recordings. One tonight features Glenn Gould, the brilliant Canadian pianist who, as time went on, behaved more and more eccentrically. The recording is of Schumann's Piano Quartet in E flat Op 47. in which Gould was partnered by the Juilliard Quartet. Today would have been Gould's 64th birthday; he died in 1982. His disenchantment with the concert platform led to him giving up all live performances in 1964.

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#### RADIO 5 LIVE

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(Symphony No 3 in C minor):

9.00 Morning Collection, with
Paul Gambacoini. Liszt (From
the Cradle to the Grave); Berg

(Psyche: Act 3); Elgar (Sursum Corda); Walton (Anon in Love); Beethove (Sonata in C minor, Op 13); John Adams (The Wound Dresser); Lilburn (Symphony

Schubert (Moments Musicaux, D780); Beethoven (String Quartet in F minor, Op 95) (r)

2.00 Midweek Choice, With Midweek Cholce, With Susan Sharpe, Includes MacCurar (Overture: The Land of the Mountain and the Flood); Nicolau (The Death of a Novice); Jan Dussek (Concerto in 6 minor)

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE Premier division: Denaby v Ponistract Cole; Steffield v Heltern Cap: First round: Tadeaster v Worstrough Bridge FAI NATIONAL LEAGUE: Shield com-petition: Northern section: Athlone v St France (7 45) FA YOUTH CUP: Preliminary round replay: Southand Manor v Wielbech; Faversham v Gravesend and Northilest. RUGBY UNION Wales v France (at Cardiff Arms Park, 7.45) ...

TOUR MATCH: PNG President's XIII v Groet Britain XIII (at Mount Hagen, 5.30am). OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Crystal Palace v Leopards (8.0) SNOCKER: Ragal Masters (at Motherwell) TENNIS: LTA satellite tournement (at Tellord).

#### WORD WATCHING

Answers from page 44 APOTACTITE

(b) A member of an early Christian sect, who renounced all their possessions in imitation of what is recorded concerning the early church in Jerusalem. From the Greek apotassein to set BARRATRY

(a) Fraud, or gross and criminal negligence, on the part of the master or mariners of a ship, to the prejudice of the owners, and without their consent. From the Old French noun barat, trickery. The earlier Romanic sense was of commerce or

(a) The oily substance found in the liver of sharks and other clasmobranch fishes as a transient state in the breakdown of cholesterol. A finding to ease the passage of breakfast-table **SHRIMPY** 

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(Seven Early Songs): Schubert (Symphony No 8 in B minor, Unfinished) 10.00 Musical Encounters. Locke 9.45 Further Shades of Gray.

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No 2) 12.00 C osers of the Week The Court of James VI 12.30pm Over the Borders. Music

in Europe in the reign of James VI
1.00 Schubert and Beethoven.

4.00 Choral Evensorg. Live from Peterborough Cathedral 5.00 The Music Machine, with sine Music Machine, with Tommy Pearson 5.15 In Tune, with Jeremy Nicholas. Bach (Prelude and Fugue in C sharp. BW 848); Handel (Organ Concerto in F: The Cuckoo and the Nightingale);

from his recordings, including songs written by Schubert and Britten 10.45 Night Waves. Novelist Teny McMillari has become an international star for her writings on received center. writings on race and gender and her performances draw thousands. Humphrey Carpenter reports from

career and makes a selection

and ensemble): Falla (Harpsichord Concerto); Gerhard (Cencionero de Pedrell) 9.45 Further Shades of Gray.

carpentar reports from tonight's reading in Broton. Plus a first-night review of Edward Albee's Who's Afraid of Virgunia Wooti?

11.30 Composers of the Week: Dvorák (r)

12.30am Jazz Notes, with Dave

Gelly
1.00 Through the Night, with
Donaid Macleod. Inclides
3.00 Schools Programmes
5.00 Sequence

5.55am Shipping Forecast (LW only) 6.00 News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 7.25, 8.25 Sport, 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 The Swiss Family Pereiman (3/5) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Tares columns! I libby Purses

Times columnist Libry Purves
10.00 News; Return to Sender
(FM) (3/5)
10.00 Daily Service (LW) 10.15
On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time,
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1.00 The World at One
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Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Cinderella D-Day, by
Julia Stoneham The story of
a group of Land Army girls
during the Second World War
2.45 The New Recruit: The Bus
Driver, Billy Nice started his
career on the buses 34 years
ago as part of a team with the
conductor. Newcorner John Wardle is used to working

alone (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope.
Paul Gambacchi sees the ilim version of Ja*ne Eyre* directed by Franco Zetfirets and reports from the set of

Jude

4.45 Short Story: Defying the
Tiger, by Nick Timmons
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
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7.00 News 7.05 The Archers 7.20 Faces the Facts, John Waite and his team of investigators follow up listeners' complaints 7.45 Probe. Marcus Chown 7.49 Probe. Marcus Chown presents a series that asks lough questions about the methods and applications of science (3/4) (/) 8.30 Calling to Mind, See Choice 9.00 Calling to Mind, See Choice

9.00 Companion to the Cosmos.
John Gribbin explores
scientific conunctums This
week expert astronomers and
geologists assess the
likelihood of a comer's

measure collision with the planet Earth (5/5)
9.30 Kalekdoscope 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight. With Robin Lustig
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The

classic, abridged by Ne Teller (3/10) 11.00 My Life as a Car. Phil

Daniels stars in the final part of Mark Wallington's comedy. Barry is middle-aged and content but his son has other ideas With Chrs Jury, Chris Emmett, Sally Grace, Saran Parkinson and Melanie Hudson
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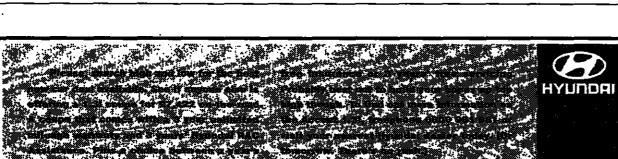
Desmond's guest this week. With Patrick Barlow and

Duncan Preston (r)

12.00 News, Incl 12.27am Weather

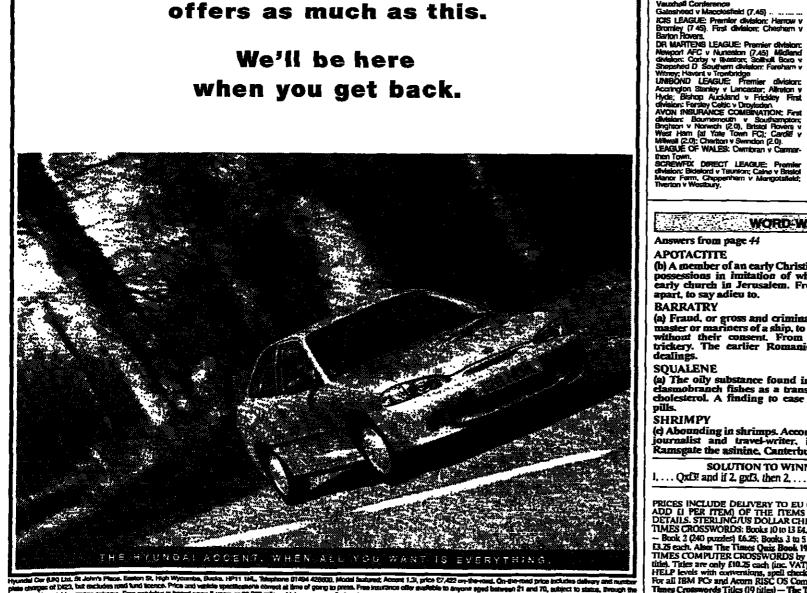
12.30 The Late Book: Amongst
Women. Tony Doyle reads
John McGahem's story (8/10) (r) 12.48 Shipping For

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## Unmarried mothers, unthinkably wronged

ne of the distinguishing marks of various public figures who have fallen from grace in the past few years, from Tory politicians through American presidential advisers to Bishop Roddy Wright, is that they were all young men in the 1960s. the decade of sexual revolution. This may be coincidence, for people in positions of power at a given time tend to be middle-aged. It may also be because the moral sea change which occurred in that decade, fed by technology tthe birth pill) and social reformism (homosexual and abortion law reform) inevitably tended to have bad as well as good consequences. Yet the impression that everybody who was young in the 1960s. was on some kind of thrill-aminute rampage is simply wrong. There were plenty whom the upheaval passed by, or merely

will have surprised those who. unlike me, were either too old or too young to have been at the eye of the moral storm.

The programme was about three women, single then, who had children without being married. Whatever might have been happening in "swinging" Lundon, and however regrenable were some of the more extreme manifestations of liberation, these women were living through a horror story scripted in the Victorian age and directed by an unforgiving society.

None of the women was promiscuous. None intended to get pregnant. None took pregnancy lightly. None sought to have it terminated, which would have been illegal at the time. But all paid a price in shame and ostracism that should have been unacceptable, but was in fact quite the reverse.

All three women had gone to school at a time when a biology lesson was, literally, about birds and bees. Of human beings there was no mention. Birth cuntrol was hit and miss, the Pill not yet being widely available. One of the women, a Roman Catholic, used with her (steady) hoyfriend coitus interruptus, which she memorably described as being like going to London for the night and getting off at Watford".

One woman, a student nurse, was sacked as soon as the hospital learnt of her pregnancy. Another was taken for walks by her father in the dark so that neighbours would not see her condition. Six weeks before the birth, the women were sent to a mother and haby home, which was "one step up from the workhouse".

There, male doctors were ordered not to speak to the women: their instructions were passed on by a midwife. While at the home, the women went out to

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work in various offices. They wore wedding rings from Woolworths and called themselves Mrs. One said: "We spent the day pretending to be grown-up and came back to an environment where we were treated like children." There was no question of the women in the programme being allowed to keep their children (though some other women did)

A month after the birth, with the

mothers still in the home, a social worker would start looking for adoptive parents. There were various processes for the handing over of the child. One of the natural mothers was sent out for a walk. She was told: "The couple will take the baby if they like her." When this mother returned, "the cot was empty. I went home on the bus with my mum and it was never to be mentioned again.

There is still a degree of stigma attached to unmarried motherhood and there are undoubtedly some people whose coupling is at best careless and at worst wantonly exploitative. But if a measure of moral ambivalence is the price of overturning the attitudes which blighted the lives of the women in Love Child, then so be it.

Timewatch returned to BBC2 a counter of weeks ago and has been in top form ever since. Last night's Gold Rush Memories recalled the Klondike of 100 years ago, a

that began when three men turned up at ports on the West Coast of America bearing four tons of gold.

7 ord spread like fire in a refinery The Yukon River and its hinterland became the target for people from all over the world, including doctors, dentists and academics. Dawson City, previously of no account, acquired a population of 40,000 in a matter of weeks and was to become a suphisticated as well as a bawdy metropolis.

Among the gold-seekers was a 23-year-old from Bridport in Dorset. Will White's letters home, to his parents and to Nellie, his fiancée, revealed a somewhat quaint erudition and helped to lift the programme well above the standard of such varns. The men on the ship are a very had lot," wrote White, brought up a Weslevan, of his voyage, "and the ladies are

momentous human adventure also a particularly poor lot." Like many thousands of others. White was not to make a fortune. He staked two claims but they produced very little and he ended up - having left the Post Office Savings Bank in England working for the Canadian Bank of Commerce. It was eight years before he could afford to send for Nellie, who by that time had outgrown her first wedding dress and had to make another.

There has been nothing ouite like the Klondike gold rush since. not even in the early days of oil exploration. The prospectors may be dismissed as fools, but they were glorious fools who worked like stink. Now we gather before a machine hoping for the right six numbers at 14 million to one. I doubt that will make much of a documentary in 2096.

● Lynne Truss will appear

6.00am Business Breakfast (12651) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceetax) (43922) 9.00 Breakfast News Extra (Ceelax)

victimised, as an excellent docu-

mentary last night demonstrated.

9.20 Style Challenge (s) (1059011) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (1975477) 10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (s) (29767) 11.00 News and weather (4264309)

11.05 Liberal Democratic Conference 96 (s). Includes News at midday (32385496) 1.00pm News and weather (Ceefax) (53309) 1.30 Regional News and weather (45917187) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceelax) (s) (32285106) 2.00 Call My Bluff (s) (6850699) 2.35 Turnabout (s) (1489477) 3.00 A Week

in the Country (s) (4449) 3.30 Ants in Your Pants (s) (8763651) 3.50 ChuckleVision (r) (s) (8750187) 4.10 Get Your Own Back (Ceelax) (s) (7277748)

4.35 The Demon Headmaster. Sci-fi drama (Cealax) (s) (4493854)

5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7576670) 5.10 Blue Peter (Ceelax) (s) (2296729) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceetax) (s) (326187) 6.00 News and weather (Ceetax) (545)

6.30 Regional news magazines (125) 7.00 Small Talk. Ronnie Corbett hosts the show in which grown-ups try to unravel the minds of nine children and discover who knows best (Ceelax) (s) (2800)

7.30 Tomorrow's World. Fea-turing a report on a possible breakthrough in the search for an instant simming pill (Ceefax) (s) (309)

8.00 Big Cat Diary. Concern is growing for Fundi the cheetah and her two cubs who are still missing. However, Half-Tail the leopard and her cub are seen almost daily playing by the gorge close to the heart of their territory. The lions are also posing problems for the team, as one of (Ceelax) (s) (1748)

8.30 Next of Kin. Maggie and Andrew are doing their best to keep their grand-children occupied (r) (Ceetax) (s) (3583) 9.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (4293)

9.30 One Foot in the Grave. The serenity of the allotment is interrupted by the arrival of a mystenous dark figure (r) (Ceefax) (s) (845922)

10.20 QED: Clockwork Radio Update. Last year QED told the story of the development by Trevor Baylis of a clockwork radio. Since then, Baylis has seen his invention being used in many developing countries and has won the BBC Designer of the Year Award. Last in the series (Ceelax) (s) (748632)

10.50 FiLM: Earthquake (1974). Class disaster film which won an Oscar for its visual effects and sports a star-studded cast including Charlton Heston, Ava Gardner and George kennedy (s)

12.50em Fil.M: Sapphire (1959). A drama starring Nigel Patrick, Michael Craig and Yvonne Mitchell. Directed by Basil Dearden (9654369) 2.20 Weather (5037572)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (8382106) 7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9634496) 7.55 Growing Up Wild (2826632) 8.20 Christopher Crocodile (1696564) 8.25 Monty (8002922) 8.35 Lassie (2255106)

9.00 Daytime on Two: lei Parls (3754449) 9.25 See You, See Me (8270854) 9.45 Words and Pictures (6377090) 10.00 Playdays (96895) 10.30 Numbertime (5429564) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (5424019) 11.00 Around Scotland (2016467) 11.20 Music Makers (5364748) 11.40 English (3902106) 12.00 German Globo (7843090) 12.05pm Seeing Science (8904034) Working Lunch (39632) 1.00 Geo-graphy (73614583) 1.20 Thunderblrds in Hindi (63113125) 1.25 Zig Zag (73693090) 1.45 Come Outside

2.00 Christopher Crocodile (r) (81733859) 2.05 Monty (r) (s) (31632800)

2.10 Liberal (358090) 3.55 News (Ceefax) (4493106) 4.00 Today's the Day (s) (598) 4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook (s) (922) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show (Ceefax) (s) (9149106) 5.40 The Flying Vet (Ceefax) (871212) 6.00 Star Trek: the Next Generation (r)

(Ceetax) (s) (791854) 6.45 Conference Talk. Andrew Nell reports from Brighton (s) (806545)

7.30 Scene: Young Jung. Schoolgirls with problems turn to a 16-year-old classmate who decides to charge for her services (t) (Ceefax) (s) (651) WALES: Rugby Union — Wales v France (75545380)

8.00 Particle Decisive Weapons: The Bell Huey — Vietnam Warhorse (Ceefax) (s) (2090)

second marriage, Fred resolves to make some concessions (Ceelax) (s) (1125). N.I. War Walks: Somme

9.00 Changing Rooms. Two neighbours each transform a room in the other's home (Ceefax) (s) (2835) WALES: 9.05 Grace Under Fire (986545)



Screenwriter Buck Henry (9.30pm)

9.30 Great Railway Journeys: The High Andes to Pala-gonia (Ceelax) (s) (86670) 10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (490816)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show (352767) WALES: Decisive Weapons (579106)

11.40 Seinfield (Ceelax) (s) (931458) WALES: 11.45 Changing Rooms (578477) 12.15am-12.30 Wear It Well (5118539) 12.05am Grace under Fire (1500881) 12.30-6.00 The Learning Zone

#### CHOICE

Tomorrow's World BBC1, 7,30pm

If we just waited long enough we knew that science would eventually come up with a way to lose weight that did not involve boring hours pedalling away at a gym or depriving ourselves of delicious food. If researchers in Barcelona are right there is a naturally occurring substance in the human blood which regulates how much fat a body carries. Oleoyl-Estrone was given to obese mice causing a dramatic weight loss, equivalent to an 18-stone person losing three stones in two weeks. It has none of the sideeffects of drugs or crash dieting because it causes the brain to think the body is bulkier than it really is, resulting in fat burning up to compensate. There, we always said we were lat because we had slow metabolisms and not because we ate too much. Call me an old pessimist, but it sounds too good to be true.

Decisive Weapons: Vietnam Warhorse BBC2, 8.00pm

That image of the swarms of Bell-Huey helicopters over the Vietnamese jungle in Apocalypse Now was no cinematic invention. And neither was the character of Kilgore, the Wagner-loving commander. He was based on Colonel John B. Stockton, a macho-spirited leader who got his pilots to wear stetsons and is one of the contributors to this story of the Bell-Huey helicopter. Originally used as an air ambulance in the Korean War, the Bell-Huey was designed and honed as a fighting machine. Its mobility, rapid-fire ability and quick deployment of men won the Americans the battles, but they still lost the war. The Bell-Huey again became a symbol of Vietnam for the Americans when they were shown being pitched over the sides of fleeing carriers. One for military strategists and boys who like to play with modelling

Great Railway Journeys: The High Andes to Patagonia BBC2, 9.30pm

The wry and wiry veteran scriptwriter Buck Henry is our guide to the ups and downs of Argentina. Using the conceit of finding a story for a new script. Henry tries to ride down and across the country on the railways. He does not always manage it. Instead he gets to where he is going by road, bus, taxi, or when push comes to shove — on foot. He is a mellow companion, noting with gentle irony how much of the infrastructure of the country has "disappeared" along with the 30,000 people cleared by the Generals in the 1970s. He ears meat with the gauchos, tangos with the youth of Buenos Aires and here high old time with Boars are constraint. has a high old time with Rega, an eccentric painter of trains.

The Larry Sanders Show BBC2, 11.15pm

The beauty of this little nugget of a comedy is that it crosses the line between fiction and reality with the ease of a tightrupe walker. Garry Shandling plays the live late-night talk show host Larry Sanders whose set bears a remarkable resemblance to those of David Letterman and Jay Leno. With a precision touch that must have been derived from experience, the scriptwriters have created the atmosphere of paranoia and schmooze that goes on behind the scenes of a ratings-grabbing show. The characters of arch manipulator Artie and Hank, the sidekick with ambitions but no talent, are beautifully observed. Tonight. Hank's machinations to get himself a spot on morning television are the backstage storyline, while in front of the cameras, the guest is wildman Bobcat Goldwirth, a man noted for his ability to set the place on fire.

6.00am GMTV (9793699)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (3468293)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (31699) 10.30 This Morning (42987458)

12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (7841632) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (2955767) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (2930458) 1.25 (1306534) 2.00 Home and Away (Teletext) (5) (97546854) 2.25 Quisine (Teletext) (5) (97525361) 2.50 Vanessa

(Teletext) (s) (7662038) 3.20 News (Teletext) (7668038)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7667309) 3.30 Tots TV Classics (s) (6838941) 3.40 The Parkies (4073477) 3.50 Astro Farm (r) (Teletext) (s) (6816729) 4.05 The Twisted Tales of Felix the Cat (s) (2630816) 4.15 Animaniacs (Teletext) (s) (7261187) 4.40 Retrace (Teletext)

5.10 Wheel of Fortune (s) (6722944) 5.40 News and weather (Teletext) (875038) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (315632) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (409545)

6.50 Sportsweek (589380) HTV WALES: The Really Helpful Programme

7.20 Champions League Live: Manchester United v Rapid Vienna. Live coverage from Old Trafford of Manchester United's second game in this season's European tournament against last year's Cup Winners' Cup finalists, Rapid Vienna (Teletext) (25618552)

9.30 Coronation Street. The Platts return with some unexpected news for Alf and Audrey (Teletext) (46922)



News with Julia Somerville (10.00pm)

10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (59336) 10.30 Regional News (Teletext) (615748) 10.40 West Match Plus. Highlights from the seccond-round second-leg matches in the Coca-Cola Cup (690729) HTV

WALES: Hunter 1.40 Champions League Highlights. A round-up of the evening's events in the Champions League featuring Manches-ter Uld v Rapid Vienna, Glasgow Rangers v Auxerre, Fenerbahce v Juventus and AC Milan v Gothenburg (555632)

12.45 God's Gift (896404) 1.45 cyber.cafe (43046)

2.15 Dear Nick (817997) 3.15 Bushell on the Box (r) (s) (88059107) 3.40 Nationwide Football League Extra (r)

4.20 ITV Sport Mini Classics (69124152) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (65249) 5.00 Three's a Crowd (r) (s) (33152)

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Brookside (165458) 10.35 American Gothic (601835) 11.30 Cybill (28125) 12.00 Homicide

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5.00am Freescreen (33152)

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2.05 FILM: Millions Like Us (1943, b/w) starring Patricia Roc, Gordon Jackson, Moore Marriott and Eric Portman. Vintage itish drama about the fortunes of a family who are separated by the events of the Second World War. Directed by Frank Launder and Sidney Gilliat (552729)

4.00 Fifteen to One (106) 4.30 Countdown (390) 5.00 Rickl Lake (2624651) 5.45 Travelog Treks: Chile (149125)

6.00 Party of Five (Teletext) (s) (777274) 6.50 Fresh Pop. Skunk Anansie introduce

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (9090) 8.00 Brookside. Can things get worse for Sammy in court? Can Sinbad imagine the wrath of two women? And has Susannah hired the cleaner from hell? (4458)

8.30 Moving People. John Peel introduces another three housemovers who agreed to video their expenences (3/6) (6293)



Wise-cracking Ellen (9.00pm)

9.00 Ellen: Ellen's Choice. A chance to appear on a local television show discussing books sounds ideal (7903) 9.30 The Lovers. Beryl hates football Her mission is to convince Geoffrey that he hates tootball too. With Paula Wilcox and Richard Beckinsale (44564)

10.00 American Gothic. Lucas and Caleb form a bond when Caleb is electrocuted and dies, only to be brought back to life by his arch-enemy (8361) 11.00 The Naked Truth (9748)

11.30 Fascism: The Return. A study of the rise of contemporary Fascism throughout Europe (1/3) (299564)

12.35 FiLM: Somebody Up There Likes Me (1956). Oscar-winning biopic with Paul Newman. The life of boxing champion Rocky Graziano. Directed by Robert Wise (63351220)

2.40 FILM: Riders of Destiny (b/w, 1933) with John Wayne. A classic short from John Wayne's early days sees him playing an undercover agent and singing cowboy who helps farmers being robbed of their much-needed water. Directed by George North Bradbury (7806161) Ends at 3.35am

4.00-4.25 Schools: IT in English (80899355)

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Three sent off as Scots are reduced to Uefa Cup disarray in Germany

## Nine-man Celtic dismissed

(Hamburg win 4-0 on agg)

FROM KEVIN MCCARRA IN HAMBURG

ON A night when Celtic hoped that the means of recovery in this Uefa Cup first-round tie might lie in the passion of their performance, they found the occasion marked only by irascibility. Celtic had two central defenders, Malky Mackay and John Hughes, sent off before the interval, yet the Scots felt that they, too,

had been victims.

Their forward. Jorge Cadete, had to be taken off on a stretcher after Stephane Henchoz's challenge from behind in the twelfth minute. Celtic will grumble, 100, that the injured player involved in each of their dismissals, Kmetsch. had little difficulty in returning to the action.

Whatever the quibbles, however, Tommy Burns's team also displayed a ruinous naivety. The fouls that brought Mackay and Hughes their second bookings were committed when there was no immediate danger.

Each man, conscious of having already been booked, ought to have been practising self-restraint. It may be symptomatic that while Hamburg also had a man dismissed, when Schupp committed his second bookable offence by kicking Wieghorst, the lapse came in the 71st minute, when the game was effectively over.

With Celtic's second departure - Hughes being dismissed four minutes from the interval - it became impossible to assess the qualities of his team's performance. Enough evidence was available by then, though, to demonstrate the shortcomings of this side. Celtic may have persuaded themselves that they pos-sessed a squad capable of play as cosmopolitan as the nationties it cont assertion has been proved

Hamburg's Volksparkstadion, Celtic could not break out of a syndrome whose origins lie in an era when the side was composed only of Scots. After six visits over 20 years, the 2-0 defeat in the first leg in



Cadete, right, the Celtic striker, gets in a shot despite the close attentions of Friis-Hansen during a stormy match in Hamburg last night

club has still to record a goal

on German soil. A glance at Burns's selection redressing that statistic was a had to content himself with a place on the bench until Cadete's injury, although the decision was not as perverse as it might have appeared. A

priority. Van Hooijdonk, the leading goalscorer last season.

of the lack of stability in the

that he would have a side of greater substance here. There is no foolproof strategy for overhauling a two-goal deficit on the opposition's ground, but Celtic had believed that they might eventually prosper if they could only stand their ground.

The greatest events in the initial exchanges were of a tactical nature. Celtic had been operating with a single attacker, Cadete, but once the Portugal international was in-

Glasgow had resulted because made. Van Hooijdonk is not with Sporl before - as Celtic though, mobile enough to operate alone and Di Canio had to be

A match seemingly lacking direction, though, had actually taken its bearings from an incident in the fifth minute, the inexperienced Mackay was booked for fouling Schopp. Eighteen minutes later, the centre half forced Kmetsch to the ground and was shown the red card.

Hamburg, who are having poor season in the Bundesliga, nevertheless knew how to exploit their advantage. After 23 minutes. jured, adjustments had to be Schupp exchanged passes

vainly appealed for off-side - mattered much and Burns, finding Baron, who fired past

Hughes collected his first booking in the 37th minute, after fouling Breitenreiter, and three minutes later Celtic might have equalised when Di Canio sent a curling shot against the post. Within a minute, Hughes had departed, after Kmetsch went down when challenged, and Celtic were left to engage the referee

in futile argument. Five minutes into the second half, Sporl flighted a pass over Celtic's defence for Breitenreiter to score. By then, who argued with the referee at full-time, should be counting instead the six dismissals his side have suffered in an occa-

sionally irresponsible season. SV HAMBURG (3-5-2): R Gotz — A Fischer,
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69), T Boyd — A Charle (subr. P van Hooljdonk, 13).

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### European challenge back on course

By Nicholas Harling

LONDON TOWERS with-stood the frenzy of 13,000 basketball supporters in Georgia yesterday to record their first win in the European Cup yesterday. They recovered impressively from a dismal de-feat in Verona last week to beat Vita Tbilisi 87-78 and enhance their chances of progressing from the group stage of the tournament.

Towers, the Budweiser League champions, who begin their home programme with a tie against the Turks from PTT Ankara at Wembley next Wednesday, conceded the first three baskets, but, once Dan-ny Lewis, their lively Ameri-can playmaker, was into his stride, things improved. He had collected 17 points by halftime - when the Towers held the narrowest of leads, 45-44 and he finished as the game's top marksman with 29 points, two more than Sanadze managed for Vita.

Alan Cunningham, a scoring threat throughout, and Joe Hooks collected 14 rebounds between them to keep the Towers on top, even after their exhausting 16-hour journey, which had begun on Monday morning with a 5.30am start.

Towers had the resources to employ the physically-demanding pressing game that has served them so well in the league so far this season. Helped by several fast breaks, they scored 12 successive points early in the second half to stretch their advantage to 15 points. Their surge was aided by three successive threepointers from Paul Deppish. their long-range specialist, who recovered well from his meagre tally of only one from ten attempts in Italy last week.

It was only in the later stages that Vita rallied. They closed the gap to two points is and Hooks made the game safe in the closing half-minute.

Towers, who have won all three league games so far, resume their domestic programme at Wembley on Sunday, when they receive Hernel and Watford Royals, one of three clubs still without a win. Tony Windless, the American forward who is ineligible for European competition, according to the regulations of the International Basketball Federation, will be able to return for that game.

#### Towers put | Lewis given title chance after Tyson hands over his crown

By Srikumar Sen BOXING CORRESPONDENT

MIKE TYSON has given up the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title. After Don King, the promoter, had failed to negotiate a deal with Lennox Lewis for a world title bout with Tyson in June. the WBC was notified by Tyson's camp on Monday that the champion had given up the title.

Panos Eliades, Lewis's prinicipal negotiator, was notified about Tyson's decision by Jose Suleiman, the president of the WBC, yesterday, Eliades said: "I tried my best to make the fight with Tyson. We were negotiating up to ten days ago. King even came back with a desperate attempt to save the belt for Tyson by offering to go to purse bids for the Lennox-Tyson fight in June. Since that was what we had always wanted, I was happy to go along with that and awaited a fax confirming this offer from King, but it never came. Time ran out and we had to get on with the purse bids for Lennox's fight with (Oliver) McCall for the

vacant title." Tyson was obliged by the WBC rules to put his mandatory defence against Lewis up for purse bids, but as Showtime, the television company that has Tyson under contract, refused to put the bout up for auction, there was

no way out for him. The vacant title will now be contested by Lewis, the No I contender, and McCall, the No 2. The bids will be opened

Apart from the two main interested parties, King and Panix, Lewis' promoters, two other bidders, Frank Warren, an associate of King's, and Main Events, Lewis's American promoters, will also be

putting in bids.
If King wins, McCall will be part of a show to be staged in Las Vegas on November 9 featuring Tyson against Evander Holyfield, for the World Boxing Association belt; Michael Moorer, the International Boxing Federation champion, against Frans Botha, of South Africa, and Henry Akinwande, of Great Britain, against Alexander Zolkin, of Russia. If Panix wins the right to stage the bout, the contest will most likely be held at the London Arena in November.

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### Collapse of TV deal puts cup in doubt

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THE withdrawal of ITV vesterday from an agreement to broadcast rugby union's Heineken Cup has left the sport's fledgeling European club tournament in disarray. despite an assurance from the organising company that both first and second-tier competitions would go ahead.

If Heineken, the sponsoring company during the competi-tion's inaugural 1995-96 season, follow suit — and Whitbread, the parent company, is now considering its position — the financial structure underpinning the tournament and worth more than £6 million this season would collapse almost completely. ITV's decision comes after

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weeks of wrangling. The company's initial involvement was based on the entry this season of English and Scottish sides. but the game's complex political position has created uncertainty over the extent of English club involvement in the longer term; even now they have given only a verbal assurance that they will take part in the competitions this

The activities of the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) were roundly condemned by Tom Kiernan, chairman of the European Rugby Cup Ltd (ERC). Kiernan said that actions which fornented unrest were unwelcome, divisive and an affront to the common purpose of the five nations." An Epruc spokesman responded by saying that ITV's decision was "disastrous" for European rugby: "It illustrates that we can't leave these guys to look after our affairs," he added. The clubs now fear that, if the tournament collapses completely, there could be a month-long void in their season.

The Heineken Cup, involving top sides from the four unions, France and Italy, is due to start on October 12 with a second-tier tournament, the European Conference, played at the same time. Semi-finals are due on Nov-ember 16 and the finals on January 4 but the scheduling of the tournament, as well as the limited facilities for television at so many clubs, created problems for ITV: they included clashes with mid-week football and unfavourable weekend kick-

"Over the past few weeks we have been discussing terms under which ITV could take up its option for future cover age of the European Rugby Cup," an ITV statement said. "Unfortunately, and despite goodwill on both sides, we were unable to reach a mutu ally-acceptable agreement."

ERC still have agreements with FR2 in France and Tele Piu in Italy but if they are to keep their sponsors, they desperately need terrestrial coverage, possibly from BBC's regional companies. "We are considering our position and are in discussions with ERC," Jeremy Wilton, Whitbread's head of sponsorship, said.

"I hope the clubs will see past the money and acknowledge the structure of the competition, and the impact and benefits it will bring to rugby - clubs, spectators,

### Date's retirement serves up surprise

By Our Sports Staff

WOMEN'S tennis has produced its share of burnt-out teenage prodigies, promising young careers snuffed out by the punishing physical and emotional demands of the professional circuit. Yesterday, it learnt of the retirement of one of its leading players, apparently at the height of her

Kimiko Date, the world No 7 from Japan, announced that she would retire at the end of the season. So far as she is concerned, Date, who will be 26 on Saturday, is quitting



Date: sense of fulfilment

at the top. "I came to think that now is the limit of my strength," she told a news conference in Tokyo yesterday. Date said she first began

thinking about retiring in June, when the Women's Tennis Association announced it would introduce a new, stricter ranking system from next year. She finally made up her mind just before the start of the women's tournament in Tokyo last week in which she lost a tough three-set semi-

final against Monica Seles, the joint world No I. "I felt a sense of fulfilment, particularly last year and this year, because I think I played

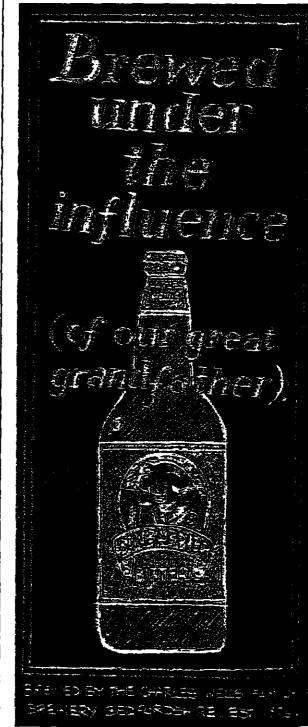
evenly-balanced matches with

the top players in the world,"

she said. Date will be remembered by many British tennis followers for her performance against Steffi Graf in the semi-final at Wimbledon this year when she reeled off six successive games to level the match at one set each before play was halted because of bad light. Graf regained the initiative the next day to win 6-2, 2-6, 6-3. Earlier in the year she had engineered an upset win over Graf in the quarter-finals of

After turning professional in 1989, Date became the first Japanese player to reach the world top 10 in January 1994 and achieved the highest ranking of her career, world No 4, at the end of last year. She won her first professional tourna-ment in 1992 and claimed her seventh tour victory last month when she beat Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, of Spain, in the Toshiba tournament in the United States.

Date will play her last match at the WTA championship in New York next month and said she had no reservations about her decision to leave the sport. "I have no regrets ... I was able to achieve things which I never dreamed of when I started playing tennis." Although she has been linked romantically with a popular actor by the Japanese media, she quipped: "I'm not retiring to get married.



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